

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Reunification
And Security

REUNIFICATION of Germany, together with European security, are subjects now dominating the attention of the Big Four governments and at Geneva towards the end of this month foreign secretaries will exchange conceptions of how these twin problems can or should be resolved.

At the "summit" meeting in July, the Soviet leaders made it clear that they are reluctant to agree to immediate reunification of Germany, or on the basis of free elections. This, apparently and ostensibly, is because they believe—probably with good reason—that a democratically united Germany would choose to join NATO and the Western community; and because they believe—this time without good reason—that such an alliance would endanger the safety of the Soviet Union and expose it to a renewal of "German aggression."

Nevertheless fear, even though groundless, is a factor which has to be respected. Wherefore the second concern of the Western powers is to devise some system of guarantees, some form of a security pact, which will remove those Russian fears.

THE form of pact which Marshal Bulganin advocated at Geneva is unacceptable to the Big Three for two reasons. First, because it appears to postpone German reunification more or less indefinitely, and to be based on the conception of "two Germanies"; second, because it envisages, indeed demands, liquidation of the NATO system. Neither condition can be accepted. German reunification is essential for any stable European settlement and NATO is not negotiable.

The Western powers, as Mr Macmillan said at Bourne-mouth last week, believe they have worked out security proposals which will fully assuage Russian fears of a united Germany. The proposal is that, after the simultaneous acceptance of the principle of the security pact and of the plan for German reunification, the various stages of the pact will become effective progressively with the various phases of the scheme for German reunification. The end result will be that when the operation is completed, a united Germany will come into being, and conditional on this event, the European security pact with adequate guarantees to the Russians will become operative.

THIS idea of phasing is the essence of the new approach. The Western powers do not now ask the Soviets to agree that reunification shall have precedence of a European security system.

It is surely a course which, in its main lines should be accepted. If it is not, then, as the British Foreign Secretary has noted, the world will regretfully have to conclude that Soviet objections to the democratic reunification of Germany spring from motives other than the desire for security against aggression.

The fact also has to be faced that if Mr Molotov refuses to budge from the Soviet position that a pact between the Western powers and the Eastern Communist bloc without reunification of Germany is sufficient to safeguard the security of Europe, the forthcoming Geneva conference must end in failure.

West's International Atoms For Peace Agency Plan RUSSIANS SAY "YES, BUT..." Will Support Proposal BUT THEY WANT NON-U.N. MEMBERS ADMITTED TOO

New York, Oct. 11.

The Soviet Union announced today it would support a Western proposal to set up an international agency to develop peaceful uses of atomic energy. However, it wanted the agency to be linked directly with the United Nations Security Council and General Assembly.

The United States, Britain, Canada and five other countries have proposed an atomic energy agency with the status of a specialised agency of the United Nations (such as the World Health Organisation).

The Soviet delegate, Mr Vassili Kuznetsov, told the U.N. Political Committee it was not enough to give the proposed body a special status.

He also proposed a new international atomic conference, to be held in 1957 at the latest (this has already been proposed by the West) and suggested the establishment of an atomic periodical, published by the United Nations and "edited by nuclear scientists throughout the world."

Mr Kuznetsov said the U.S.S.R. was prepared to turn over "a certain amount of fissionable matter" to an international agency as soon as agreement on its establishment could be concluded.

THREE POINTS

Mr Kuznetsov made these points about the proposed agency:

- (1). Membership should be open to all states, including non-members of the United Nations.
- (2). The agency should present periodic reports to the Security Council and the General Assembly. If the agency dealt with any problem involving the security of a state, the Security Council should take the necessary decisions since it was responsible for the maintenance of international peace and security.
- (3). Experts of interested countries should meet to discuss the creation of the agency.

The Soviet delegate said all states which wanted to make a contribution to the common cause were entitled to membership in this agency.

In an indirect reference to the case of Communist China, he said: "We cannot regard as normal such a situation when certain states would artificially be barred from participation in an undertaking of international character aimed at peaceful use of atomic energy."

"Any state, even if it is not a member of the United Nations or of the specialised agencies, should have the right to be a member of the international agency on the peaceful uses of atomic energy as well as the right to be among its founders."

NO PRIVILEGES

"In creating the international agency we should see to it that no country or group of countries should be placed in a privileged position. The agency should not be a tool of political or economic pressure in the hands of any country or any group of countries for imposing their will upon other countries. The agency should be based upon the principles of equality, mutual benefit and respect for the interests of each member of the agency."

"The activity of the agency should not be detrimental to the security of states."

"Bearing in mind the existing close relations between the production of atomic energy for peaceful and for military purposes and the fact that the agency's activities will be closely connected with the use of dangerous fissionable materials, it is necessary to provide for the adequate supervision and control over the agency's activities by a representative international body."

'DEPLORABLE'

He then proposed supervision by the General Assembly and the Security Council.

He deplored the absence of the Chinese Communists from the atomic conference at Geneva. And it was an "absolutely abnormal situation" for East German scientists to be

absent from the same conference, he said.

Mr Kuznetsov next referred to agreements which the Soviet Union had signed with other countries under which they undertook to provide scientific and technical documentation on peaceful uses of atomic energy, isotopes, experience in research and the training of specialists in the construction and installation of reactors.

Russia was prepared to increase the number of states with which it could co-operate in this sphere, he added.

Dr H. R. Wei, the Nationalist delegate said the second international atomic conference should deal also with the economic and social impacts of atomic energy.

"The introduction of atomic power and atomic technology will mean an industrial revolution to the industrially underdeveloped countries and bring about relocations or dislocations of industries in highly industrialised countries," he said.

A BETTER WORLD

"There will be changes in international trade. The social and economic structures of many countries will be affected. Tragedies and chaos of past industrial revolutions must be avoided."

"The scientists and engineers have assured us that they have the ability to make a better world with atomic energy, but a truly better world can be realised only when their efforts are joined or co-ordinated with those of educators, social scientists and exponents of culture."

"For these reasons the convening of the second world conference on atomic energy should not be delayed and should not be dictated merely by the progress in the technical fields of atomic energy."—Reuter.

IKE HOLDS BED-SIDE TALKS WITH DULLES Together They Write To Bulganin

Denver, Oct. 11.

President Eisenhower collaborated today with the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, on the draft of an "interim reply" to Prime Minister Bulganin's disarmament proposals, in a 25-minute bedside conference.

Mr Dulles told a news conference later that the letter to the Soviet Prime Minister would be released as soon as it had been received in Moscow.

Mr Dulles said the President gave his approval to the address he made to the American Legion on Monday, in Miami, in which he said there would be no overall reduction in American military power until the United States could be sure others were following the same course.

Condition Satisfactory

The President's 25-minute conference with Mr Dulles was with the full approval of the President's doctors after an examination of the President this morning.

After the conference a new examination was made and a bulletin said: "The President's condition continues to be satisfactory with pulse and blood pressure continuing normal."

Mr Dulles told reporters he discussed eight separate matters with the President including

- (1) Preparations for the coming Foreign Ministers' conference at Geneva.
- (2) The acknowledgement to be given to Marshal Bulganin's letter to the President with reference to Mr Eisenhower's proposal for aerial inspection in a broad programme of disarmament.

Mr Dulles said the letter to go forward tomorrow or Thursday was in the nature of an "interim reply" rather than a detailed answer.

The Bulgaria note, sent to the President under the date of September 17, Mr Dulles said, raised a "great many intricate points" and the reply he and the President drafted did not cover everything but might be considered an "acknowledgement-plus."

Interested, Alert

Among other things Mr Dulles said in response to a question that he had discussed with the President "recent Soviet activities" in the Near

East. But he could not elaborate.

"I had a very satisfactory talk indeed with the President," he said. "He was interested and helpful with respect to all the matters we discussed."

Mr Dulles said he might see the President again before he left for Geneva on October 22.

In view of his satisfactory condition, other officials may also confer with him next week, it was officially stated.—Reuter.



ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS



SIR JOHN HARDING

CYPRUS TALKS BREAKDOWN

Harding: "Very Serious Matter"

Nicosia, Oct. 11.

Field Marshal Sir John Harding, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Cyprus, tonight announced a breakdown in his talks with the Greek Cypriot Leader, Archbishop Makarios, and said it was "a very serious matter."

In a broadcast review tonight of his three-day talks with the Archbishop, head of the Greek Orthodox Church in Cyprus and leader of the "Union with Greece" movement, Sir John Harding said:

"The breakdown in our talks is a very serious matter because I believe that Britain's proposals were both reasonable and practical."

He began his statement: "It is with deep regret that I have to announce that discussions with Archbishop Makarios have come to an end without agreement."

"The life of the Cyprus people must go on however, and it is my duty as Governor to maintain law and order and this I intend to do."

Law And Order Will Be Maintained

"Police and troops on the island have direct orders from me to exercise proper restraint, but law and order must and will be maintained."

Reviewing the talks, he went on: "During our first talk we exchanged views on all aspects of Cyprus's problems. The Archbishop made certain suggestions which have been published in the press and which were immediately transmitted to London."

"At the second meeting I explained to him that Her Majesty's Government's position was as stated in proposals announced at the London tripartite talks. I explained these proposals in simple language in my Sunday's broadcast."

"At today's meeting the Archbishop told me he was unable to accept Her Majesty's Government's proposals and his position remained the same as stated. I repeated that Her Majesty's Government's position also remained the same."

'Not Entirely Fruitless'

"In reply to the Archbishop's question I further explained certain passages in the British proposal but after discussions we were unable to reach agreement on the basis of which we could co-operate in the welfare of the Cyprus people."

"Before we parted we agreed that the discussions had not been entirely fruitless as we

had both got to know and understand each other. I told the Archbishop I would always be ready to meet him at any time."

"I call on all law-abiding citizens to exercise restraint and to carry out their duty in preventing terrorism, disturbances and intimidation."—Reuter.

Gordon Highlanders For Cyprus

London, Oct. 11.

The War Office announced tonight it had ordered the 1st Battalion of the Gordon Highlanders to Cyprus to assist in assuring the maintenance of law and order in any emergency.

STOP PRESS

Pilot Killed In Crash

Tokyo, Oct. 12.

A F-86 F pilot of the Far East Air Force's 44th fighter bomber squadron was killed yesterday when his aircraft crashed about four miles from the Kadana Air Base, Okinawa.

An official Air Force announcement said the pilot was practising flight manoeuvres when he reported an explosion in the after-section of the aircraft.

The pilot attempted a forced landing but failed.

The Air Force withheld the name of the pilot pending notification of next of kin.—Reuter.

ALARM WENT OFF BUT THE THIEVES GOT AWAY

Miami, Oct. 11.

At least three fast-working burglars made off with 150 pounds of jewellery valued at \$189,000 (about £263,000) today while the burglar alarm wailed for six minutes before the police arrived.

The jewellery—loaded in two rollers—mounted sample sacks—belonged to the New York firm of HARRY and BEN FRANKMAN, Inc.

Mr Ben Frankman, who said the jewellery was insured, told the police he left the bags in the shop overnight because "the building had a good burglar alarm system."

Police arrived at Kirk's jewellery store from the police station two blocks away six minutes after the alarm sounded, but patrolmen found no one in sight.

The stolen gems consisted of diamond—studded watches, rings and brooches, as well as a few loose stones. Mr Frankman said no single item was worth more than \$5,000.—United Press.

Death Of Mr Hector McNeil

New York, Oct. 11.
Mr Hector McNeil, the British Labour MP, died tonight at the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Centre, New York.

Mr McNeil, who was 48, suffered a stroke while on his way to the United States on board the liner, Queen Mary. The Queen Mary docked in New York on October 4 and he was rushed to the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Centre.

Mr McNeil entered Parliament in 1941 as the member for Burgh of Greenock, following a successful career as a journalist. At one time he edited the Scottish edition of the Daily Express.

PARLIAMENTARY CAREER

From 1942-45 he was Parliamentary Private Secretary to Mr J. P. Noel Baker, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of War Transport. From 1945-46 he was Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign Office.

He was made a Privy Counsellor in 1946. In the same year he was made Minister of State in the Office of Government and became Vice-President of the United Nations General Assembly in 1947 and leader of the delegation to the Economic Commission for Europe in 1948.

He was made Secretary of State for Scotland in 1950, a position he held until the fall of the Labour Government a year later.

Mr McNeil is survived by a widow and a son.—United Press.

GERMAN REPORTER TELLS HOW RUSSIANS TRICKED HIM

West Berlin, Oct. 11.

A "giant" and "hollow-eyed" West Berlin reporter told today how the Russians tricked him and put him in "solitary confinement" for 10 months.

Dieter Friede, 48, who worked for the West Berlin newspaper Der Abend, arrived at the Friedland repatriation camp in West Germany today with a group of other "political" prisoners.

Friede was seized by Soviet agents on November 2, 1947, after a phone call from a "doctor" lured him into East Berlin. The "doctor" told him a friend had been injured but when Friede arrived he found only MVD agents waiting.

Friede said he was handcuffed and taken to Dresden, where he spent 19 months in solitary confinement. He was accused of turning over a Soviet agent to American intelligence officials, but was never tried.

He said then he was shipped to the slave labour camp at Vorkuta in Siberia.

He said he worked in the mines and his weight fell to 110 pounds. Friede, a six-footer, said he arrived at Vorkuta "half dead". He was released last month.

A woman political prisoner released by the Russians said the diet at Vorkuta consisted mainly of "cabbage soup, morning, noon and night"—United Press.

Five Die In Sea Collision

Madrid, Oct. 11.

The 100-ton Spanish ship, Conde de Barbate sank outside Vigo today after colliding in a heavy fog with the 13,000-ton French trans-Atlantic ship Colombie.

First reports said five Spanish seamen were dead. Five other Spaniards were rescued.—United Press.

Adenauer Slightly Better

Bonn, Oct. 11.

Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the 71-year-old West German Chancellor, who is suffering from bronchial pneumonia, was stated to have improved slightly tonight.

A bulletin published tonight by the Chancellor's personal physician, Dr. Ella Bebbler-Buch, stated that Dr. Adenauer's condition was not causing any anxiety.—France-Press.

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Hongkong 'Mercy Workers' For Vietnam

Manila, Oct. 12.

Volunteer medical teams from Japan, Formosa, and Hongkong will proceed shortly to South Vietnam to assist Filipino workers in mercy work for Vietnamese refugees, according to Mr Oscar Arellano last night.

Mr Arellano, Chairman of "Operations Brotherhood" arrived here from three weeks

of recruiting work for refugees in Vietnam.

He said the Formosa Junior Chamber of Commerce members had pledged to send 20 volunteers before the end of this month as part of their commitment to refugee relief work.

He added that five doctors were being recruited from Japan while Hongkong was organising a team of workers.

Additional pledges of assistance from other countries are expected to be received during the international conference of the Junior Chamber of Commerce next week at Edinburgh, Scotland.

"Operations Brotherhood" was originally sponsored by Filipino "Jaycees" but its success called the attention of Jaycees International which turned it into a world-wide project.—France-Press.

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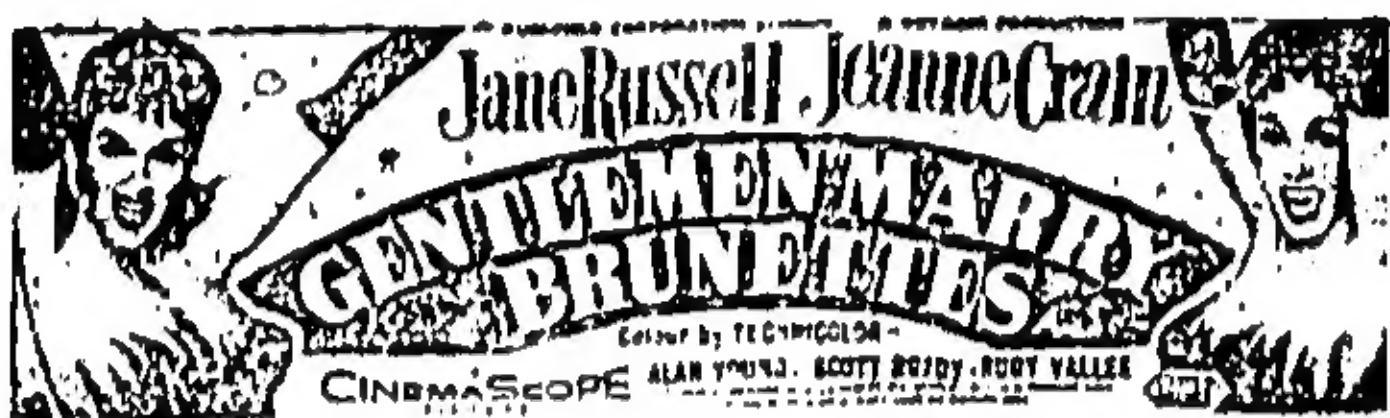
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Britain Has £17 Million Surplus For Six Months

SAVED BY UNITED STATES AID

By Sydney Campell

London, Oct. 11.

Britain had a surplus of £17 million in her payments with the rest of the world during the first half of 1955, the Treasury disclosed today.

This compares with a surplus of £165 million in the first half of 1954. Without £33 million of United States aid, there would have been no surplus at all.

But the figures were better than expected. A senior Treasury official indicated that the figure of £17 million might be increased when fuller information becomes available.

The estimate for the second half of last year, which the Treasury originally regarded as a deficit of £12 million, was today revised upwards to a surplus of £21 million.

Britain, however, needs a large surplus.

It is required for expansion abroad by oil and other companies, for overseas development, particularly in the Commonwealth, and for repayment of capital liabilities such as the North American loans.

Anti-inflation

By its anti-inflation measures taken since February, the further measures to be announced when parliament resumes later this month, the British Government aims to enlarge the surplus.

The policy is to curb demand at home, so as to cut imports and leave more goods for export.

In recent weeks this policy has brought more confidence in sterling.

The sharp drop in Britain's payments for the first half of this year was due to her trading position with the non-standing countries—the United States, Canada, South America, Central America, the Philippines and a number of European and Middle Eastern countries.—Reuter.

POLICE STILL HUNT GUNMAN

London, Oct. 11.
Thousands of London policemen tonight hunted a gunman who escaped yesterday after a hair-raising car chase through the city's West End.

The bandit vanished into a maze of Mayfair streets firing a revolver at pursuing detectives. Two policemen were wounded in the affray but they were not seriously hurt.

Scotland Yard concentrated its manpower on the west side of the city where the wanted man is believed to be in hiding. Police dogs have searched parks, commons and bombed sites.

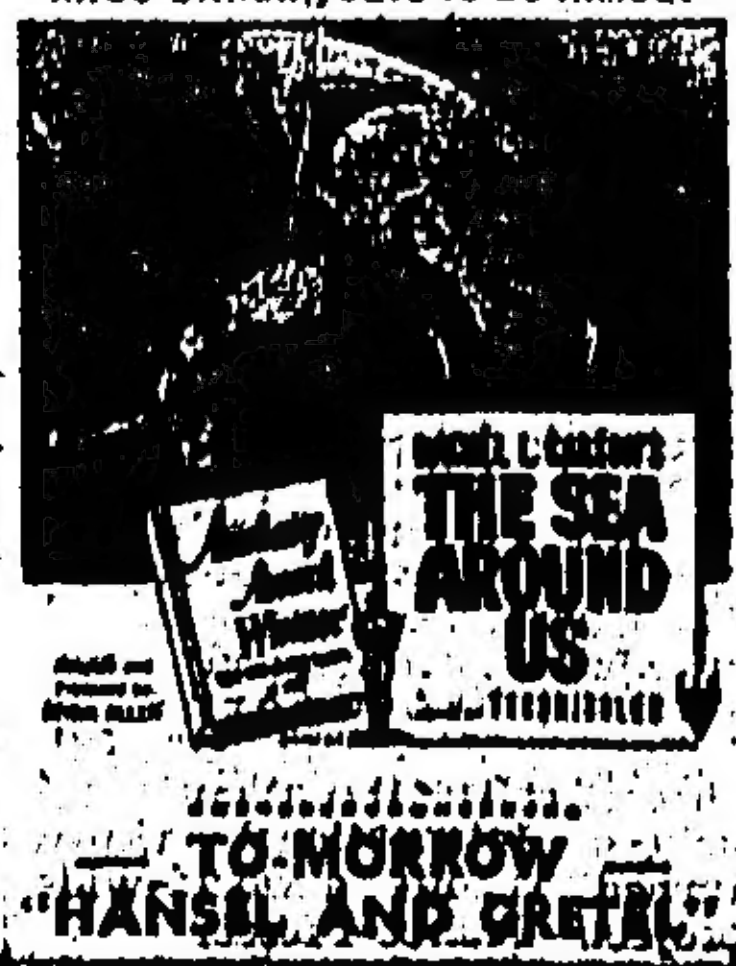
The two men arrested yesterday, John Cohen, 25-year-old labourer, and Ronald Thomas Parson, 22-year-old waiter, were charged in a magistrates court today with armed robbery of a jewellery shop. Cohen was also charged with attempting to murder a detective and a constable.

They were remanded in goal until next Tuesday.—China Mail Special.

MAJESTIC

FINAL TO-DAY
At 2.30, 5.20, 7.30 & 9.30 p.m.

WONDERS...that waited three billion years to be filmed!



Prince Albert At SHAPE



Prince Albert, of Liege, brother of King Baudouin of the Belgians, is pictured being greeted on a recent visit to the headquarters of SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers, Europe) by the U.S. Army's General Alfred Gruenther, Chief of Staff of SHAPE. The headquarters are at Fontainebleau, near Paris.—Express Photo.

Fleet Lit Up For Leningrad

FIRST VISIT SINCE BEATTY
By Sidney Weiland

Leningrad, Oct. 11.

Britain's aircraft carrier Triumph and five Royal Navy warships approached Russian waters tonight in the first big-scale Anglo-Soviet exchange of naval visits since the Russian revolution 28 years ago.

The British ships, with Admiral Sir Michael Denny, Commander-in-Chief of the British Home Fleet, on board the 13,350-ton Triumph, were due to cross the Gulf of Finland overnight for a ceremonial 17-gun salute of welcome at 2 p.m. local time tomorrow.

The visit, direct result of talks at the Geneva conference in July between Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, Soviet Prime Minister, and Sir Anthony Eden, British Prime Minister, is the first ceremonial exchange of this kind between Russia and any Western power since the "cold war" began.

Six Russian warships will visit the British naval base of Portsmouth during the six days which the British ships will spend in Leningrad.

Host Ships

Three Soviet warships are already berthed in the narrow Neva River as "host" ships for the British ships.

This is the first full-scale British naval courtesy visit to Russia's northern seaport since Admiral Earl Beatty brought a naval force into the Neva to call on the Tsar's navy two months before the outbreak of the First World War in 1914.

Despite the elaborate plans of the Soviet naval command and the British Admiralty for this visit, there has been little so far in Leningrad to show that the visit is taking place—there is not a single Union Jack to be seen.

There were almost as many Russians gathered outside Leningrad's Astoria Hotel to stare at a Land Rover (British jeep) brought from Moscow by the British Naval Attaché, Captain Geoffrey Bennett, as there were on the Palace Embankment to see the Soviet cruiser Red Banner and the up-to-date destroyers Smolny and Soldny berthed in readiness for the visit.

Visit Hailed

But the city's local newspaper, Leningrad Pravda, hailed the visit as an event which would "facilitate further rapprochement between the Soviet and the British peoples."

Speaking at naval headquarters to British and Soviet reporters, Captain Andrei Troshin, Chief of Staff of the Kronstadt-Leningrad naval base, said: "The people of Leningrad and the sailors of the Baltic Fleet, in common with all Soviet people, are greatly interested in the mutual visits of warships of our countries as an important means for the creation of an atmosphere of mutual understanding between our countries and for the further development and strengthening of friendship between the British and Soviet people."

During the next five days thousands of Russians will be allowed on board the British ships. There will be tours of Leningrad for the British sailors, a Royal Marine band will play in a Leningrad park, the British ships will be illuminated and there will be a fireworks display.—Reuter.

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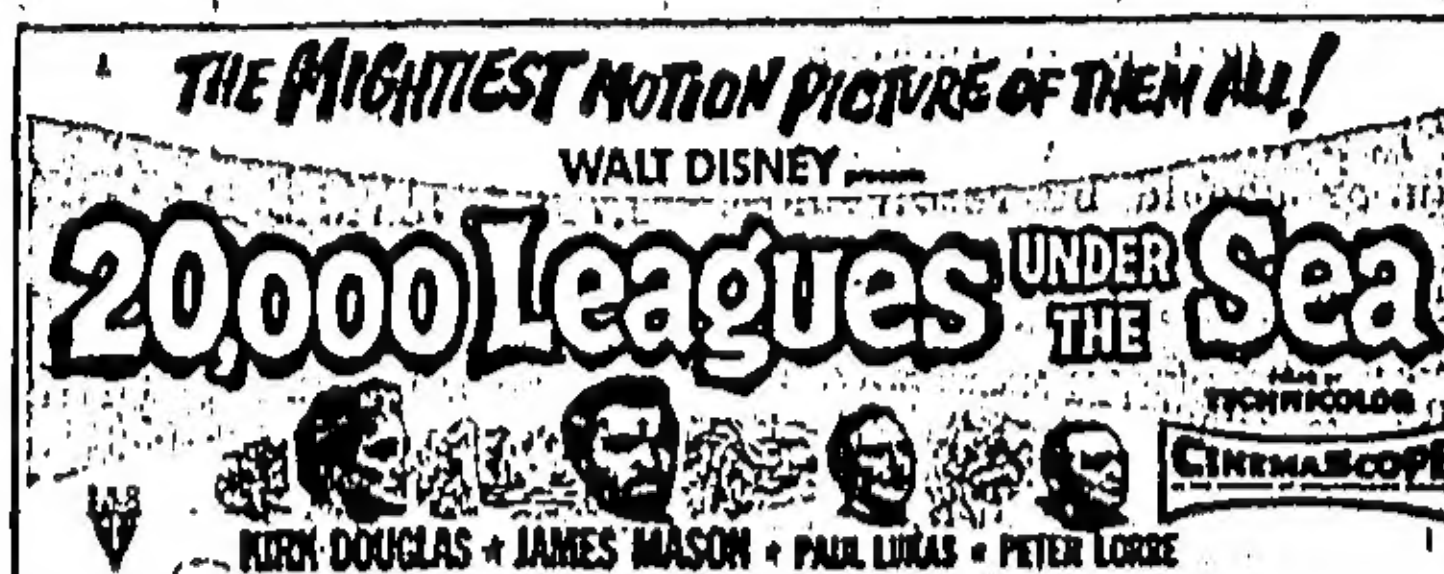
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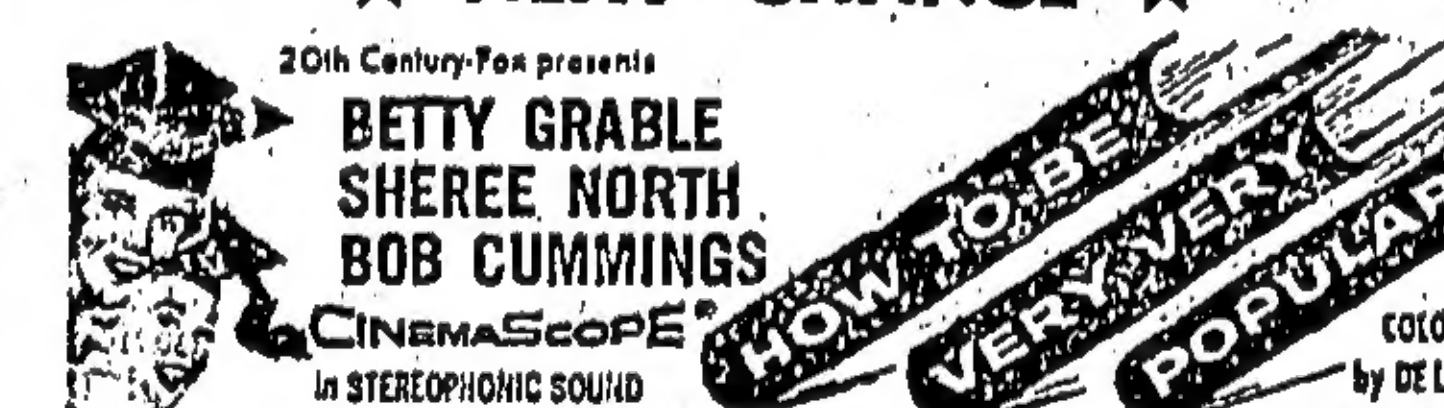
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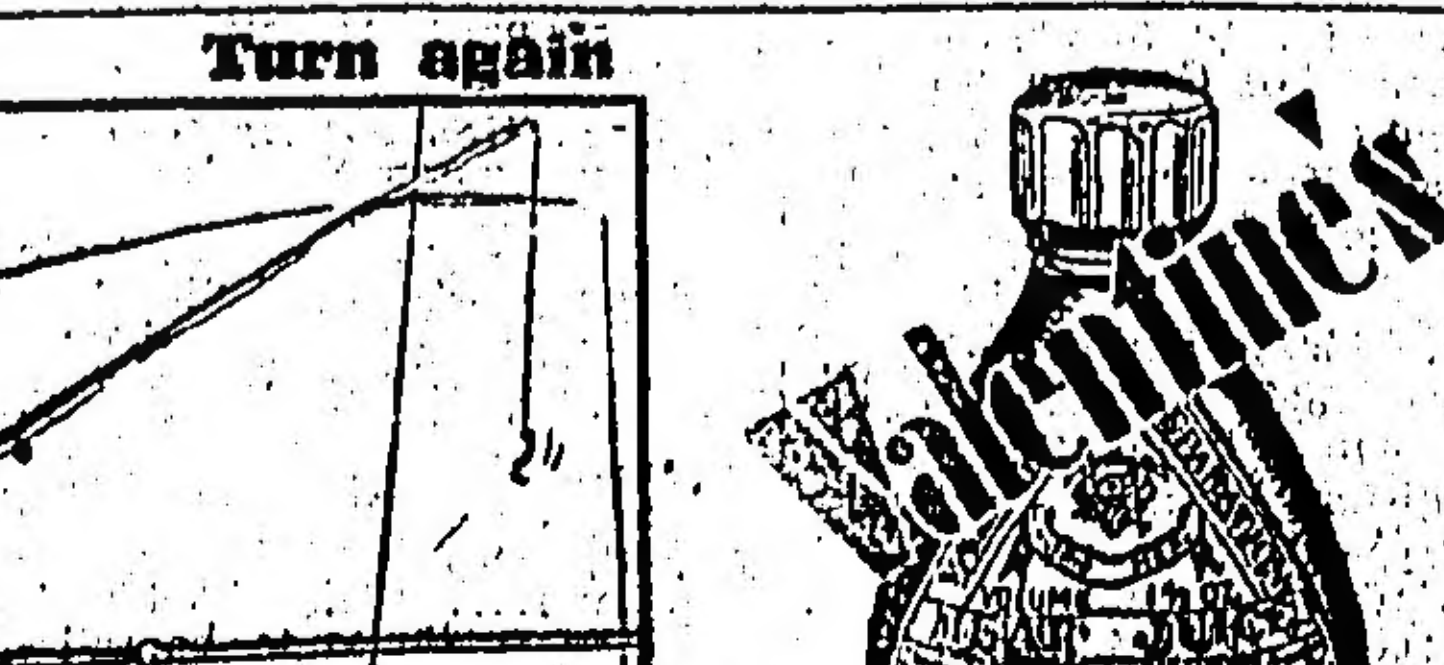
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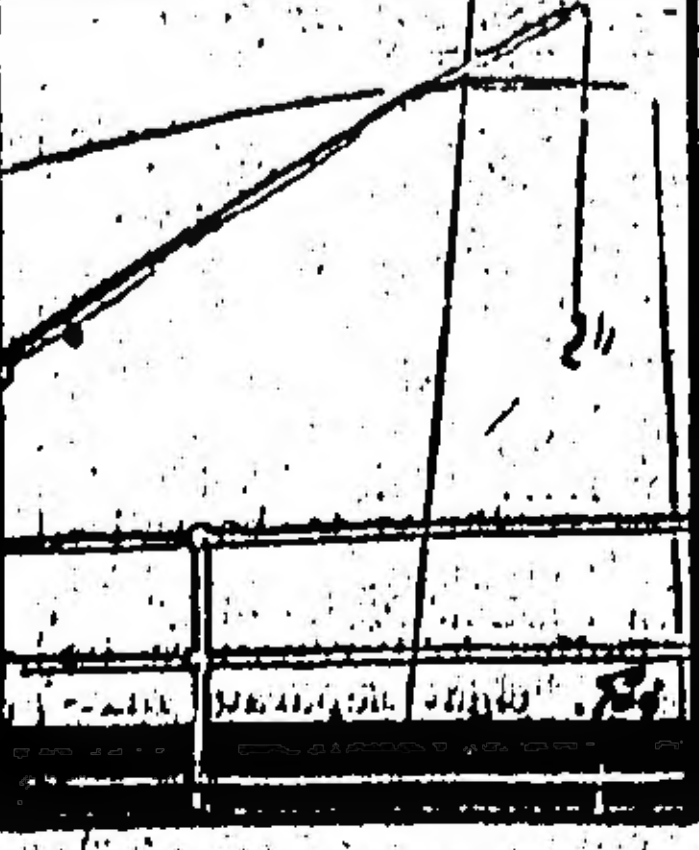
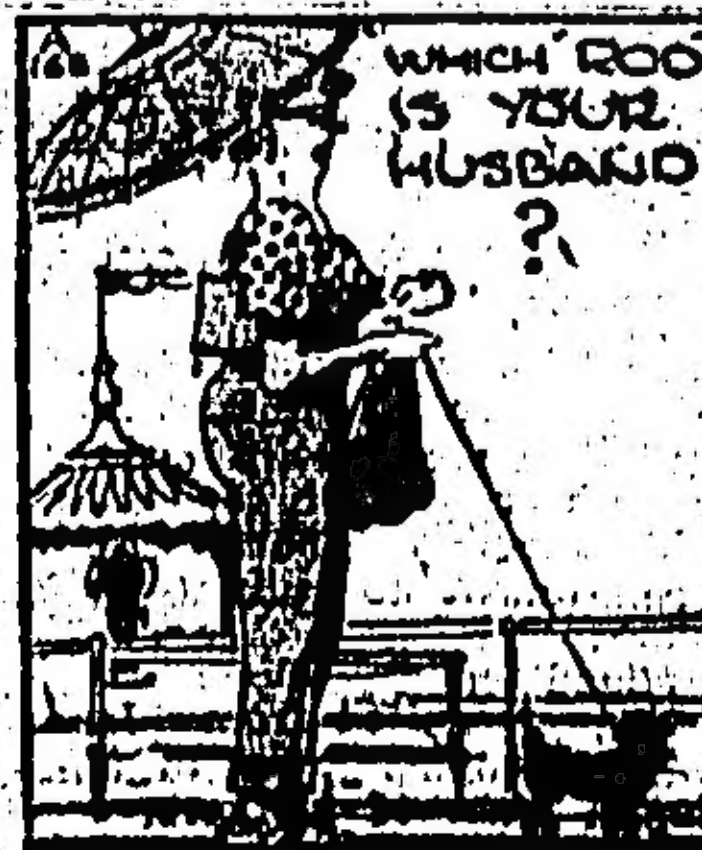
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FRENCH MOP UP NEAR SPANISH MOROCCAN BORDER

Search For Rebel Forces
In MountainsBUT NO WELL-ARMED
BANDS SURRENDER

Rabat, Oct. 11.

French security forces in Morocco today continued mopping up operations in the Tizi Ouzli, Boured, and Aknoul regions near the border of Spanish Morocco.

Today was a relatively calm one as French troops slowly moved forward in this hilly region of northern Morocco in their search for rebel forces.

Though some rebel surrenders have been reported, as yet no well-armed rebel bands have yet laid down their arms, it was disclosed.

In the southern region of the Middle Atlas mountains a large number of Marmoucha tribesmen have returned to their villages. Tomorrow an official census will be taken to determine who is still missing. French authorities are especially concerned about the 200 tribesmen of the Marmoucha who are known to have taken when they attacked and pillaged the outpost of Imouzzer Des Marmoucha.

Cairo Movement

Authoritative circles in the French Resident General's Office in Rabat indicated today that recent events in Morocco and Algeria are guided by a joint North African liberation front with headquarters in Cairo. These circles are firmly convinced that recent events here were not provoked by the Moroccan themselves.

General Garcia Vallino, Spanish Commissioner in Morocco, today continued his inspection tour throughout the eastern part of Spanish Morocco, notably in the region of the Rif. The Spanish Commissioner is conferring with military leaders and civil authorities.

Rumours in Tangier today claimed that General Vallino's inspection tour is being made because of French recent protests concerning rebel bands in Morocco using the Spanish zone as a base of operations. —France-Press.

WEST GERMAN
PLANES SOON

Munich, Oct. 11.

The West German aircraft industry will start producing planes again "very soon," a Bavarian Government spokesman said today.

Among the first types to be produced are a jet trainer, a helicopter and an army co-operation reconnaissance machine. The jet plane is the twin-engine Messerschmitt Me-200 developed and already test-flown in Spain by Willi Messerschmitt, who made the Me-109 and Me-110 fighters during the war.

The Henschel works at Kassel have already concluded a licence agreement with the Sikorsky Corporation of America for production of one of their models. Dorniers during the war specialised in the manufacture of bombers, recently demonstrated their Do-27, a single-engine two-seater with excellent slow-flying characteristics.

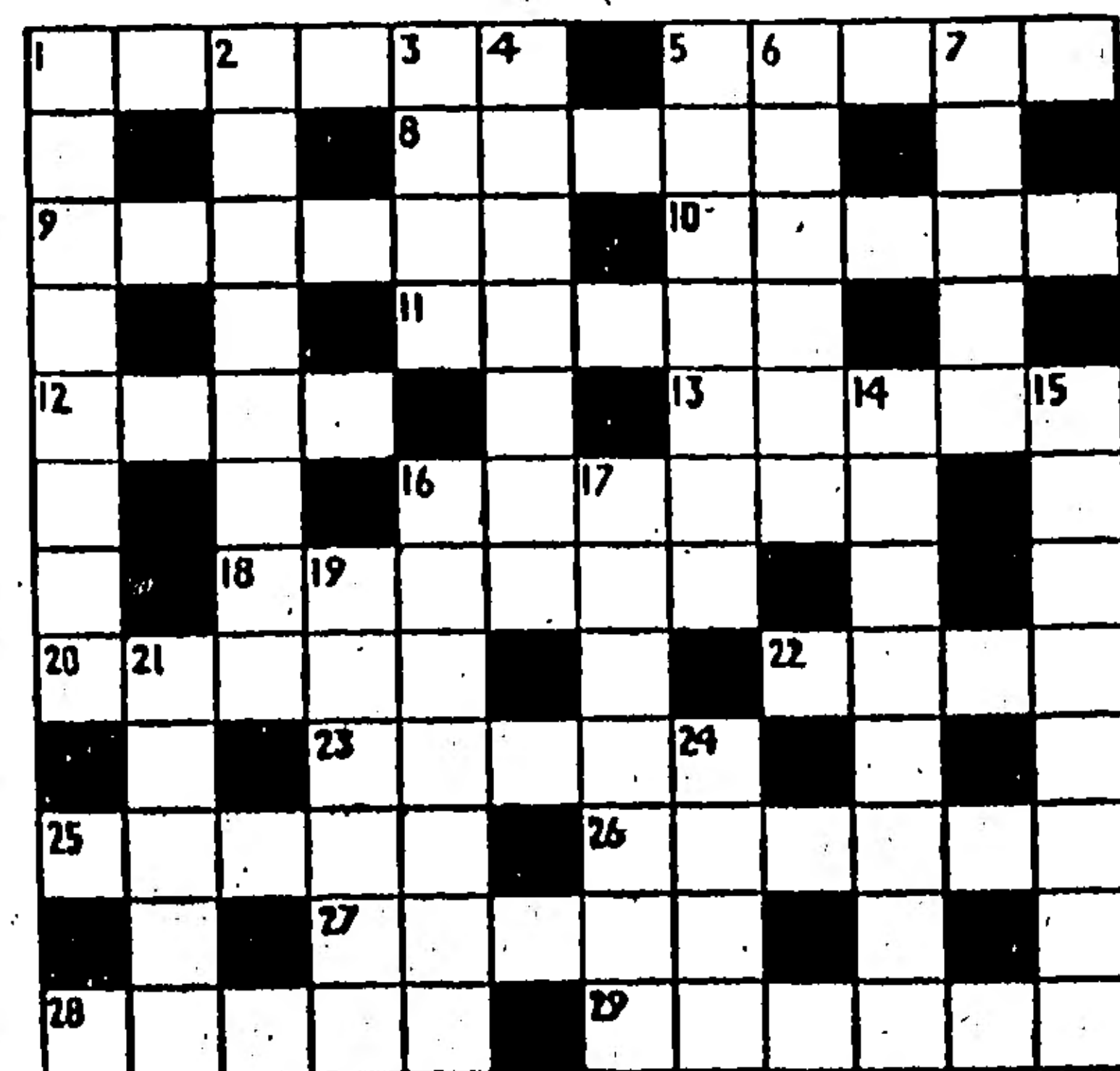
German firms are said to be considering the development of suitable proto-types rather than beginning mass production of certain types. —China Mail Special.

Tito Mission For Egypt

New York, Oct. 11. Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia will send a mission to Egypt to train Egyptian army personnel in the use of newly-acquired Czechoslovak arms, Newsweek Magazine said today.

It predicted in its "Perspective" column that Marshal Tito would make the offer because it is a "made-to-order opening for Tito to extend his influence." —United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 Demure (6).
5 Curmudgeon (6).
6 Hesitate (5).
9 East-Indian seaman (10).
10 Danco (6).
11 Welcome (5).
12 Kill (4).
13 Cook (5).
14 Wilderness (6).
18 Culminating points (6).
20 Rate (5).
22 Clutch (4).
23 Let in (5).
25 Gem (5).
26 Trails (6).
27 Weird (5).
28 Despatches (5).
29 Official enumeration (6).

DOWN
1 Syrup (8).
2 Interval between (8).
3 Loot (slang) (4).
4 Walls (7).
5 Venerates (7).
6 Speaker (6).
7 Relieves (5).
14 Lures (6).
15 Storm (6).
16 Chorus (7).
17 Jewish (7).
19 Brought up (6).
21 Portion (6).
24 Genealogical table (4).

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION—Across: 1 Spread, 2 Spied, 3 Peat, 4 Erased, 5 Amis, 6 Result, 7 Tutor, 8 Adore, 9 Sore, 10 Elated, 11 Stole, 12 Reduce, 13 Tiles, 14 Lairs, 15 Stable, 16 Down, 17 Step, 18 Root, 19 Apex, 20 Deduct, 21 Statute, 22 Initiate, 23 Dastard, 24 Bower, 25 Patrol, 26 Pompano, 27 Salute, 28 Ugly, 29 Sparce, 30 Test, 31 Dumb, 32 More.

They May Be Small, But...



Small, but deadly, anti-submarine planes are these Short Seamew aircraft, pictured in formation. The first Coastal Command aircraft to be equipped with the Seamew will be formed in January. The plane carries a crew of two and can operate from makeshift runways such as golf courses and beaches. —Reutersphoto.

Treaty For Troops
In Germany

REGULATION OF RIGHTS

Bonn, Oct. 11.

West Germany and the countries stationing troops here today began negotiating a new treaty to regulate the rights and duties of these forces.

The negotiations, which are expected to last at least three months, are to work out a substitute for the present troops treaty.

This exempts foreign soldiers and their families from paying direct taxes here, allows the foreign forces to exercise courts martial justice over their members and provides the legal basis for their having manoeuvre grounds and barracks in West Germany.

The troops treaty was modelled on the requirements envisaged when German rearmament was expected to be carried out within the European Defence Community. When the Paris treaty structure was negotiated, the original troops treaty was adopted as an interim solution.

Peaceful Use
Of A-Energy
Good For All

New York, Oct. 11.

Atomic energy for peaceful purposes was likened today to "a new continent which should be developed for the good of all nations."

Mr Paul Martin, Health Minister of Canada—one of the five powers with atomic know-how—used this phrase in the United Nations Political Committee, continuing its "atomic-for-peace" debate.

Canada at the Geneva scientific conference during the summer suggested that political and scientific circumstances, which now are favourable for the launching of more ambitious schemes, he said.

In the proposed international atomic agency there was, Mr Martin thought, "the instrument which would make it possible to undertake operations in this field of permanent and much wider basis than the conference could provide."

My Hope

He declared: "It is therefore my hope that the opportunity will not be lost and that together under the aegis of the United Nations we will advance to occupy what is almost a new contact which should be developed for the good of all nations and in the interests of peace."

With the Geneva "summit" meeting and the San Francisco commemorative meetings of the UN, the scientific conference proved that when there was a will to approach problems with moderation in a positive fashion, impressive results could be achieved, Mr Martin said.

Canada was anxious to help other countries in getting their atomic energy programmes under way, he said. And in the health field Canadian cancer and radiological research centres would welcome from other countries qualified specialists who wanted to study the application of radio isotopes to the problems of disease. —Reuters.

GREEKS TO LEAVE
KOREA

Athens, Oct. 11.

It was officially announced tonight that Premier and Defence Minister, Mr Karamanlis of the Greek Government decided to recall Greek forces from Korea.

Necessary instructions for the recall have already been given to the Foreign Ministry and the General Staff of the Greek Army. —Reuters.

AWARDS
FOR
SERVICES

London, Oct. 11.

The Queen has approved 76 awards and mentions in despatches to British Air Force, Army and Naval personnel fighting the Mau Mau in Kenya and terrorists in Malaya, the London Gazette announced tonight.

The Malayan awards include six Distinguished Flying Crosses to Royal Air Force officers for "gallant and distinguished service."

The other awards for Malayan service are six appointments to the Order of the British Empire, one British Empire Medal and 40 Mentions in Despatches.

A naval officer and an army officer also receive Distinguished Flying Crosses for Malayan service and another army officer is mentioned in despatches.

In Kenya there are 20 awards for Royal Air Force personnel—three appointments to the Order of the British Empire, one appointment as a member of the star order, one Distinguished Flying Cross, one Distinguished Flying Medal, two British Empire Medals and 12 Mentions in Despatches. —China Mail Special.

World
Political
Forum

United Nations, Oct. 11. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld proposed today that the United Nations create a world "political forum" to debate the principle of self-determination and remove the bitter issue of colonialism to an arena of "calm discussion."

His surprise proposal before the UN Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee sought to sidetrack a controversial plan for a new UN permanent commission to oversee the exercise of the right of self-determination and investigate any alleged violations of that right. The UN, he warned, might err gravely by "rushing" to set up such a new commission in the field of colonialism where "confusion and controversy" reign.

Saudi Arabian delegate Jamil M. Baroud protested bitterly against Mr Hammarskjöld's proposal as an attempt to block the Committee's work on drafting the long-debated covenant on human rights.

He said the forum plan would "make the colonial powers rejoice" and charged that "the colonial powers seemed to have influenced—by their way of thinking and by their pressure—a few people to make statements for them."

The Committee's outburst of wrangling marked another stage in the campaign being waged within the UN by Asian and African nations, supported by some Latin American states, against colonialism. The question of self-determination—the principle that all peoples should be free to choose their own political, economic and cultural states—has been a burning issue for years during debate on the human rights covenant.

Restricted Arena
On Colonialism

Mr Hammarskjöld proposed that the "world forum" seek agreement on the principle of self-determination with the hope of being able to draft a declaration which could be submitted to the UN General Assembly. The forum, as a discussion group outside the realm of the Assembly, would in effect put the current controversy over colonialism in a restricted arena.

His move was prompted by the recommendation of the UN Commission on Human Rights to create a permanent UN commission to examine alleged denials of the rights to self-determination if any 10 UN members should so request, and to offer good offices for peaceful settlement of any situation it might examine and to report and "make recommendations" to the Assembly if the parties concerned should not be satisfied.

This proposal has raised outcries from many powers that such a commission would permit one-sixth of the UN to bring into question policies being applied almost anywhere in the world, as long as a violation of the self-determination principle could be charged. —United Press.

West Defence
Must ContinueNATO CHIEFS SAY
NO EASING OFF

Paris, Oct. 11.

The military chiefs of the Atlantic Alliance, for the second day running, today hammered away on the theme that there must be no easing of the Western defence effort in the face of growing Soviet armed strength.

By tonight everyone of NATO's top military men had appeared before a meeting of the defence ministers of the Alliance to stress and repeat this point.

According to observers here, the unaccustomed publicity which they are allowing their statements made in private session is aimed primarily to counter any public notion that the professed new Soviet policies mean the West can relax militarily.

The military commanders fear that the so-called "Genova atmosphere" had led many people to believe that defence expenditure can now be cut and armies reduced.

Public Belief

There is also a public belief that the "new look strategy" now being adopted by NATO for the greater use of nuclear weapons could bring about a saving.

But British General Sir John Whitley, Chairman of the NATO Military Standing Group, told ministers today that on the contrary the introduction of few weapons meant more expenditure and that it was essential that nothing be cut from national defence programmes.

Another warning was sounded by General Allway, French member of the Standing Group. He said that the present infrastructure (air field and military installations) programme of £700,000,000 until the end of 1955 would not bring the end of NATO's military requirements.

Because of the "New Look" strategy considerable amounts would have to be spent throughout the first two days of the meeting the tone has been one of serious warning with the emphasis on the rapid strides the Soviet Union is making to catch up with the West.

General Alfred M. Gruenther, the Supreme Allied Commander Europe, who briefed the ministers at SHAPE this morning, added a brighter note to his exposure when he expressed the conviction that if war came today the West could eventually win.

Careful

But he was careful to point out that this conviction applied only to today and that the future prospects depended on the continuation of the Western build-up and the maintenance of NATO unity.

General Gruenther told the ministers that both the quantity and quality of NATO forces were behind the planned time schedule. He emphasised that a greater rather than a lesser effort was needed today.

It was essential, he said, that NATO's forces were fully effective. SHAPE's plans were based on the use of a minimum number of troops and as a result it was vital that these troops be of the highest standard.

Some observers here considered that this referred to the French withdrawal of troops from Southern Germany for North Africa which had left their units in the NATO area under strength and badly short of experienced men.

The Supreme Commander said that the greatest weakness in the Allied command was air defence.

The West was short of planes and crews and it was essential that an integrated air defence system with a co-ordinated command and an effective warning system be set up.

The problem was under intensive study at SHAPE by a special staff set up under General Gruenther's air deputy, General Lauris Norstad.

Restricted

After the final military briefings this afternoon the Ministers accompanied by only four advisers and the chief military commanders went into restricted session for an informal discussion of some of the points raised in the military papers. A NATO spokesman said that no information could be given of the nature of the discussion nor could he disclose the names of the six ministers who spoke.

The Ministers will continue their exchange of views on the last day of the meeting tomorrow. —Reuters.

PAKISTAN
AND INDONESIA
OUT IN
THE COLD

New York, Oct. 11.

United Nations delegates from Pakistan and Indonesia today expressed dissatisfaction because the less developed countries of the world were not sharing in the boom enjoyed by the highly industrialised countries.

They were speaking in the Economic Committee of the General Assembly in a debate on under-developed countries. The Pakistan delegate, Mr Muhammad Mir Khan, said the contribution of economically under-developed countries had been negligible in the record rise of world productivity.

"If we take 1954 as the basic year," he said, "the developed countries (excluding centrally planned economies) rose by forty per cent while in under-developed countries the increase was only 27 per cent," Mr Mir Khan said. "Even this rise is not reflected in the standard of living because the gain in productivity was offset by an increase in population. Relative positions in 1954 were even more unfavourable for under-developed countries." He said these facts pointed to the "grave danger" that the gap between the standards of living, already very large, would increase further.

Narrow Gap

"It is imperative that this gap be narrowed as soon as possible and the only way of doing so would be to develop the economically backward areas. It is hardly necessary to say that progress in this huge task of economic development depends on the extent to which the more developed countries assist those which are less developed."

Mr Zairin Zain of Indonesia told the Committee that there was a "growing impatience" among the peoples in under-developed countries because their "desires remain unfulfilled."

"This situation prevails in all the under-developed countries particularly in those areas which recently won their independence," he said.

Citing unfavourable budgets and payments positions in the under-developed countries, Mr Zain said that the high industrialised nations would profit materially if they aided the under-developed countries.

To help the economies of under-developed countries, Mr Zain said, international co-operation was necessary particularly to solve the problem of the instability of prices of primary commodities supplied by the under-developed countries. —Reuters.

Priority For
Kashmir
Dispute

Lahore, Oct. 11.

Mr Choudhry Mohammad Ali, Prime Minister of Pakistan, told a deputation at Muzaffargarh, in the Pakistan part of Kashmir today that he was giving top priority to the dispute with India over Kashmir.

He said he was as much concerned as the deputation was about the freedom of the people of Kashmir. Mr Choudhry Mohammad Ali is returning to Karachi tomorrow and is expected to announce shortly the date of an all-party conference to decide what fresh action to take in the hope of ending the Kashmir deadlock. —Reuters.

MADAME PANDIT OPENS CAMPAIGN



Madame Pandit, India's High Commissioner to Great Britain and former Indian representative at the United Nations, last Wednesday opened this year's United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) campaign in Europe in a ceremony at India House, London. All profits from the cards go toward assisting child health and welfare programmes in more than 80 countries and territories all over the world. Pictured here with the bouquet presented her at the ceremony, Madame Pandit talks to seven-year-old Christian Odewall of Sweden. Also in the picture are children from some of the European countries in which the cards will be sold—Norway, Netherlands, West Germany, Denmark and Luxembourg. —Express Photo.

A LIFE-AND-DEATH MYSTERY IN JAPAN

By Richard Hughes

I HAVE just returned from a brief culinary excursion to two humble but celebrated neighbouring villages at the foot of the Japan Alps. The villages are Hizato, where the residents live far longer lives than any other Japanese, and Kashiwara, where the residents live far shorter lives than any other Japanese.

The reasons for the above remarkable contrast in life expectancy in two villages so close together have puzzled mystified scientists for many years. While there is general agreement that nutrition must be the fundamental explanation, there are many differences of opinion as to details. The magical formula for Hizato longevity is apparently the staple diet of barley, millet and buckwheat, carrots, radishes and green onions. NO meat and little or NO rice. On the other hand the fatal defects in the Kashiwara diet appear to be too much rice, too few vegetables, and too few vitamins.

Working Hard

The two mountain villages resemble each other minutely: straw-thatched farmhouses, hordes of children, fast-running mountain streams pouring down in front of the narrow street fronts of houses and constituting the communal water supply. Everybody works equally hard in each village. No one has much money in either village. In the fields surrounding both villages, I saw the same familiar sights of all Japanese farm villages, wrinkled men and women sharing the heavy family toll; elaborate scarecrows (sometimes better dressed than the farmers) and every available square inch of soil under the most intensive cultivation.

There is, however, one big difference, which seems to explain the good fortune of Hizato and the ill fortune of Kashiwara in life expectancy.

Hizato has no rice paddies. Kashiwara has the usual Japanese preponderance of rice paddies.

Hizato clings to slopes of clay soil which will not grow rice. So Hizato does not eat rice—indeed, has discovered rice only since the ration system reached the village. In Hizato, rice is eaten today mostly as a form of unpopular medicinal gruel. I watched keenly while the hospitable Hizato family of Yamamoto tried a typical Hizato meal for me and the two Japanese nutrition experts accompanying me. Dough was prepared from wheat flour, finely chopped carrots, radish and green onions were added, some bean paste was mixed as flavouring, and the whole mess, rolled and basted together, was fried in plenty of oil over charcoal in the fireplace built in the floor of the kitchen cum living room.

In Ecstasy

The chef at Claridges would consider this Hizato elixir "uninteresting" in appearance—a cross between an Italian omelette and an Australian "clanger." But the taste is both rich and delicate; you crunch through crisp wheaten pastry into a satisfying combination of onion, fresh-baked bread and carrot flavours.

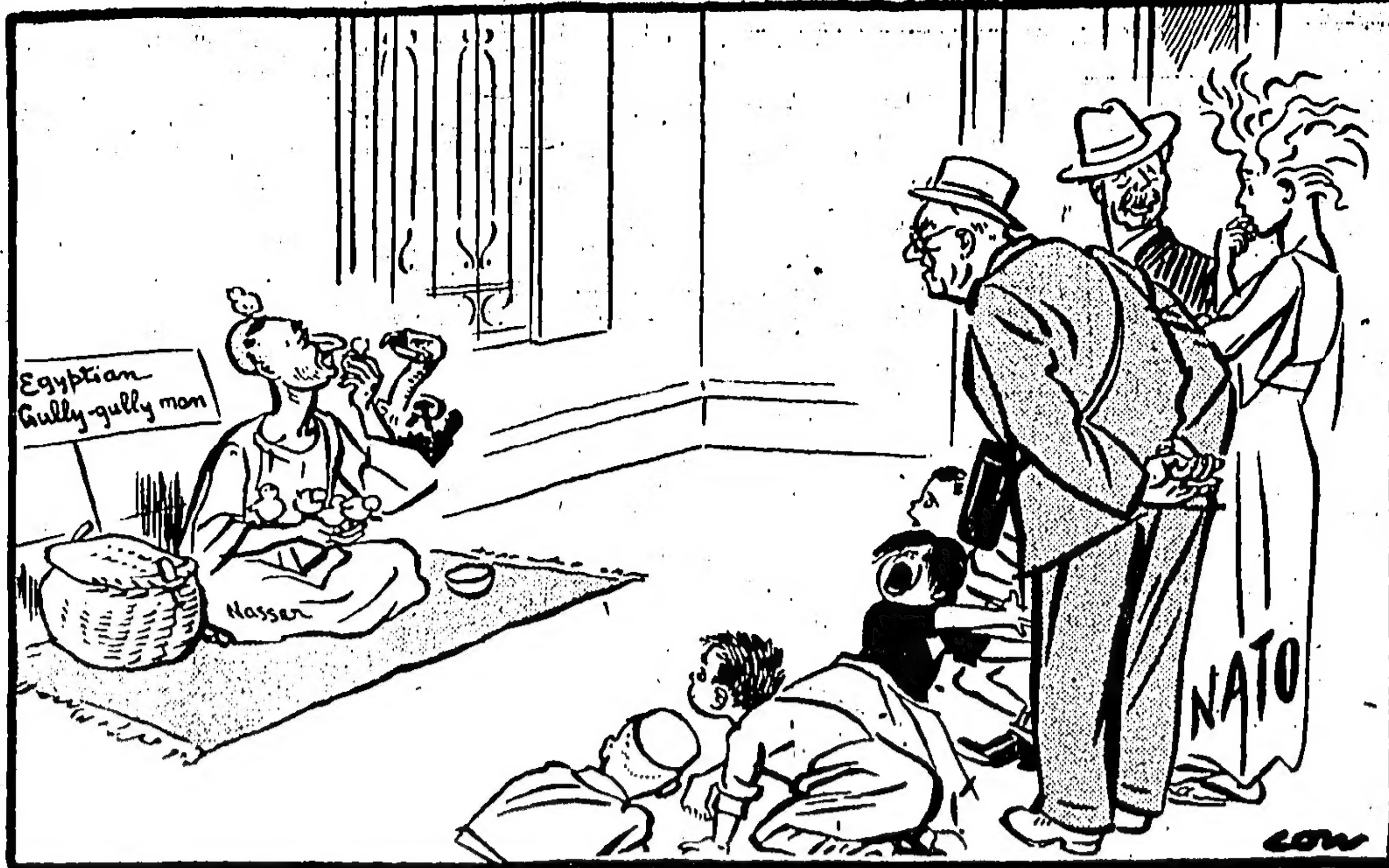
My two nutrition friends were in scientific and gustatory ecstasy. "Almost perfect" as a nutritive diet," said Professor Shimoda, devouring a second large helping with eager chopsticks. "Full of fat and vitamins A and B."

On the other hand, there was nothing particularly interesting to report about the typical Kashiwara meal which we were served that same night. There was an abundance of excellent rice, preceded by a plump, honey-coloured, pickled vegetable, which obviously provoked the Kashiwara taste-buds into an insatiable desire for rice.

Again no meat, and not even fish—which goes from nearby Lake Nojiri and the Sea of Japan to the more profitable if more distant markets in the Alpine hot spring resorts.

"Plenty of calories, but no vitamins," mourned Professor Shimoda.

Whatever the explanation of the life expectancy differences the ratio of people over 70 years old in the population of all Japan is 2.65. In Kashiwara it is 1.7; in Hizato, 6.65.



"HOW DID THAT CHICKEN GET UP MY SLEEVE?"

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Sir John Harding's Job In Cyprus

By LES ARMOUR

MILITARY rule is not a pleasant idea. It is the oldest political expedient on record; and it has often been disastrous.

But if EOKA, the Communists, and Archbishop Makarios are busy themselves with history books in preparation for the reign of Field Marshal Sir John Harding, they are wasting their time.

Sir John Harding bears little resemblance to the traditional military ruler. It is not just that he doesn't look like a soldier out of the history books. He doesn't behave like one either.

Sir John is short. His moustache straggles a little. He does not make a point of sitting or standing erect. Not long after he became a lieutenant in the Imperial General Staff he was photographed with his hands in pockets; an incident which brought an angry letter from an old soldier to London's Evening Standard and, reportedly, a laugh from Sir John.

He doesn't talk in the clipped phrases of the old soldier—and his voice isn't the kind you associate with the parade ground sergeant-major.

REAL TALENTS

He didn't go to Sandhurst. He graduated from Etonian Grammar School just before the outbreak of the First World War—and joined the Territorial Army. He emerged a lieutenant with a Military Cross and signed on with the regular army.

The inter-war years were occupied with military routine and by 1939 he had risen to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

During the war, he fought Rommel in the desert, was knighted and rose to the rank of Lieutenant-General.

But it was after the war that his real talents came to the fore. He was given the Mediterranean Command in 1947 and, in the next two years, he worked quickly and efficiently at a job which involved more politics than soldiering.

He is credited with calming Tito over Trieste and paving the way for the eventual solution of a problem which, at the time, looked far more dangerous and just as tough to solve as the current Cyprus problem.

From there, he took over the Far Eastern Command and again politics and soldiering were combined. His tact and firmness did a lot towards keeping Malaya from becoming another Indo-China.

THREE PROBLEMS

If any further proof of his diplomatic abilities were needed, it came when he was appointed, in 1951, Commander of the British Army on the Rhine. With German nationalism mounting, the task of the commander of an army of occupation required tact and imagination.

When he left, in 1952, the Germans expressed genuine regret. Few military occupations in history have been loved. Most have been hated and a polite indifference has been the lot of nearly all the rest. Sir John was the exception.

There was far more than the routine manoeuvring of military seniority behind Sir John's appointment as Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

Three far-reaching problems faced Britain's forces in 1952. First and foremost, the British Army had to—and still has to—combine the functions of a police force, with those of an army. Maintenance of law and order is a big part of its job. Malaya, Kenya, and British Guiana have all had need of force to keep or restore the peace.

Not for the first time, Field Marshal Sir John Harding walks into an explosive situation. As the new Governor of Cyprus, he inherits a hopeless-seeming problem. But, then, the Trieste problem, in the solution of which he played a major part, once seemed hopeless, too.



things, after all, must still be secret. But there is evidence that it has gone a long way. Finally, from the point of view of power politics, Britain was in a dilemma: Britain has many obligations as ever, perhaps more, yet she can no longer complete gun for gun and man for man with the United States and Soviet Union. One possible solution was a closer co-ordination of Commonwealth defence. United, the Commonwealth is almost certainly potentially stronger than any power on earth.

ONE VOICE

Under Sir John, Commonwealth defence has been co-ordinated until from all reports, it is capable of acting decisively and unanimously in any serious situation. That required tact; for Commonwealth countries properly insist on their sovereignty and their right to make their own plans according to their own needs. It is a noteworthy fact that defence is the only sphere in which the Commonwealth genuinely speaks with one voice.

In Cyprus, Sir John faces a situation which looks almost hopeless. There seems no middle road between Enosis, demanded vociferously by 300,000 Greeks and the British insistence that Cyprus must remain a British base, and the rights of 100,000 Turks must be preserved.

He has powers of repression; but repression notoriously breeds only more violence. The only solution is to sort the real trouble makers from the hangers-on, to inspire the confidence of at least a comfortable majority, and to make it clear that British justice is preferable to terror.

Sir John was smiling when he got off the plane. And, characteristically, his first answer to questions was "Wait until I've talked to the people here."

He was probably remembering that Trieste looked hopeless once, too.

AH SEN AHL BEATS THE TERROR

Singapore.

By RUSSELL SPURR

MALAYA'S coffee shops are buzzing with chatter. Not about independence, the amnesty, or even the possible ending of the Communist terror campaign.

Weird words are breaking through the babble of languages. Words like "Ah sen ahl" and "Tote en homm hoteppur."

For thousands of Chinese, Indians and Malays, rubber tappers on obscure estates, Malay villagers and

who hardly know where England is, are rushing to complete their football pools — Malaya's latest gambling craze.

They caught on from British troops and businessmen, and one of Britain's biggest promoters saw the opportunity and began amassing forms by the hundred thousand.

Rubber tappers on obscure estates, Malay villagers and

Chinese tin miners are risking their spare coins in the hope of winning a windfall.

Amassing the forms is costly—about 1s. 6d. a week. They have to be sent off on Monday or Tuesday to reach England by Saturday morning.

Permutations? Never heard of them. The lucky pin serves for most. But occasionally, an inexpensive astrologer is asked to crystal-gaze those difficult "draws."

The stars haven't helped so far. No Malayan has won a whopping prize, but that doesn't upset the gamblers.

Eager fans wait outside newspaper offices specially for the "pools" edition on Sunday mornings. The trouble is the results are published in English, and the growing number of pools fans cannot read it.

Their own Chinese, Malay, and Tamil newspapers are having translation trouble. Arsenal can be written nicely in three Chinese characters. But Tottenham Hotspur in Tamil, Arrbroath in Malay—quite a problem.

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

ACCORDING to a report the 150-year-old science of phrenology (or telling character and ability by the shape of your head) has been revived in America, where they are always discovering old things and calling them new. Mothers are insisting that young men have their "bumps read" before they are accepted as sons-in-law. The bump man is being consulted about the choice of a boy's career.

Before it is revived here I would like to be the first to introduce young readers to this fascinating subject.

The two drawings (Fig. 1 and Fig. 2) are intended as a guide to girls choosing a husband. After studying them a girl engaged to be married can have a good look at the head now resting on her shoulder. Her sensitive fingers, pretending to ruffle the neatly brushed hair, may discover some alarming bumps on the cranium she once loved.

For instance, if she discovers there are large bumps over ears that are set well below eye-level she may be certain she is holding a potential murderer in her arms, particularly if the forehead recedes as in Fig. 1. But if the forehead is bumpy with benevolence, and/or intellect, she can take a chance on a modern Crippen because the murderous instincts may be sublimated by shooting birds and little animals.

A nervous girl may prefer to have Soppo Sop's head on her shoulder. There are no murderous bumps over his ears, which are well above eye-level. There are no nasty bumps full of evil thoughts bulging behind the ears. All the bumps on Soppo Sop's melon head are at the top, giving the false impression that he is a benevolent intellectual.

But if this nervous girl is also smart she will notice if Soppo Sop has bumps, however small, above his eyes. If not he has no perception, no sense of any kind, which means that all the lumps on his dome are either empty or rendered useless by his lack of awareness. Therefore, unless she breaks off the engagement now she may find herself married to a morbid failure with a bad digestion, full of self pity and nameless fears, who won't be able to make enough money to buy the groceries.

On the other hand Dirty Dog would find money for the groceries even if he had to kill somebody for it. Whether a girl prefers Dirty Dog to Soppo Sop seems to depend on how fond she is of groceries.

Although it must be admitted that the choice between Dirty Dog and Soppo Sop is pretty grim, girls should understand that Fig. 1 and Fig. 2 are designed to illustrate the extremes of depravity and stupidity, hardly ever met outside a criminal lunatic asylum.

The head resting on your shoulder is (one hopes) something between the two.

Grub Peculiar

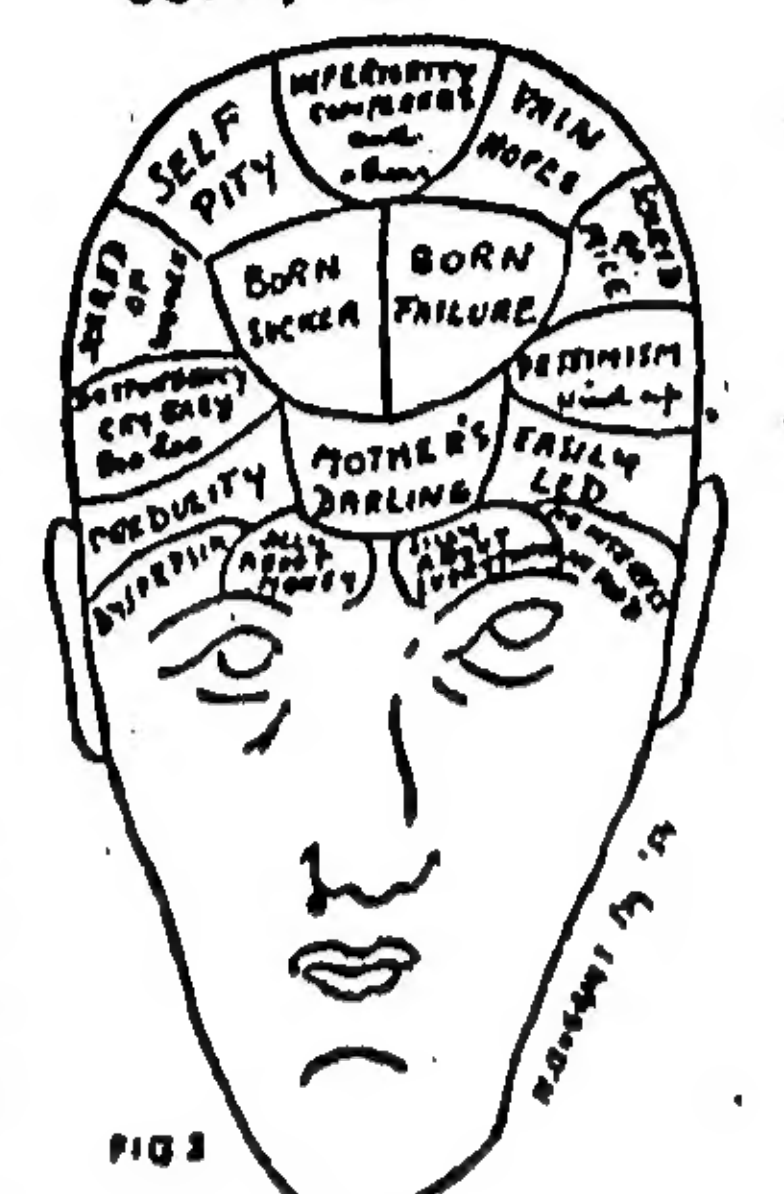
WHEN my life partner, the Flucky Little Woman, goes to London for the day she does not return like wives in the comic cartoons, in a new dress, or a new hat, or with an expensive hair-do. Nor do I, like the husbands in the comic cartoons, react with expressions of amazement, or horror, or anger, or make bitter cracks about extravagance.

But I do react when I see the P.L.W.'s bag full of little parcels and catch the nauseating stench of garlic, for I am aware that she has been shopping in Soho again. My reaction is that I pretend that I have been invited out to dinner.

As I can never tell lies successfully to the P.L.W., my little fib about dinner is detected at once and ignored. I am advised not to be conservative about food and, as I watch the little



COPPY SOP



packets of grub peculiar being opened, I know that my digestion is in for another bashing. Sometimes, after a shopping adventure in Soho, I have sat at table with tears pouring down my face as I munched foreign sausage full of garlic and paprika. Or I have chewed pickled cucumber and raw pickled herrings wondering how much bicarbonate of soda would be needed to quell the internal revolution that was certain to follow.

During her last visit to London the P.L.W. must have explored the remotest regions of Soho where they sell sausages that look like rubber trunks, and bread that looks like sliced linoleum.

Among the usual chunks of German and Italian salami there was a loaf of rye bread, black and shiny like the head of a bull terrier, and flavoured with caraway seeds, a piece of cheese full of dark lumps that turned out to be truffles, and some dried Chinese fish which anybody but a Chinese would mistake for giant squashed butterflies.

But the P.L.W.'s greatest triumph was something far, instead of against, my digestion. It was wrapped in Cellophane and lay's of silver paper. When these were removed there, of all things, was the grub peculiar I dreaded most... the sliced linoleum.

Before I could leave the table the P.L.W. explained excitedly that the linoleum was German brot (bread) and full of "things" like whole grains of rye and probably wheat, and oats, too. If I ate that I could eat all the other delicacies, even the squashed butterflies, because the linoleum would aid digestion and do astonishing things to my inside.

She also said it was the kind of bread Russian peasants ate with cabbage soup three times a day, and that was why they were so strong and lived to be 100. I said it was probably why they looked so miserable and drank so much vodka.

After a sandwich of linoleum and cheese full of truffles I felt a bit miserable, too, particularly as there was no vodka available. I refused a slice of Negro's head and garlic sausage and threatened to emigrate when the P.L.W. asked what about the squashed butterflies.

Probably I shall never know anything about the flavour of the squashed butterflies. All I do know is that when I offered one to Little the Devil Cat she leapt backwards as if stung by a wasp, howled at the back door to let out and was not coming again until the next morning.

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Miniature Masterpieces for Milady...

ROLEX

Superbly elegant - Precisely accurate
 Rolex offer a miniature watch of superb elegance, yet with a movement large enough to be a marvel of accuracy—truly the best obtainable!



It is a healthy sign when there are several worthy claimants for the right to fill the Spot of Honour at the Top of the Sports Parade. This week it was very difficult to decide who should be the occupant but surely few will dispute the right of L/Cpl Beer to be singled out for our special commendation.

Playing in the Army North 'B' cricket team in a League match at the week-end he turned in a truly astonishing performance. Figures speak for themselves and 7 wickets for 4 runs would alone have entitled him to his moment of glory but when he went in at No. 10 he crunched the bowling all around the place and finished with 59 not out. . . .

Corporal Beer who is a member of REME is attached to 26 Field Dressing Station in the New Territories.

Another performance which is worthy of very special mention is that of the Hongkong Water Polo Team who, led by Craftsman Partridge, swamped the Singapore opposition by 17 goals to 1 to win the FARELF Championship.

This quite astonishing score is a fitting climax to what has been a wonderful season for our water polo players and they, and the hard working team officials, deserve all credit for the well won success that has come their way.

FIGHTING DISPLAY

The behind the scenes story of the fine fighting display put up by the Army soccer team against South China on Sunday makes what is already acknowledged as a grand show still more imposing.

With a long list of names on the injured list it was not possible to pick A and B teams until just before the kick-off of the Junior League match.

Players had to be drafted into unusual positions but the spirited and enthusiastic performance of the 'A' team—playing as it was under considerable difficulty—has done much to restore the prestige of the side and also—probably more important—the confidence of players.

Latest news of Gnr. Chalmers who was carried from the field on a stretcher is that he has been fortunate in as much as his shoulder is not fractured as was at first feared. He has however suffered some very bad bruising and will not be available for the team in its next few games.

Unfortunately the story does not end there for Mullett and McLoughlin, injured in the same game, are also in bed suffering from knee injuries and will be out of action for some time.

The list of unit players is growing steadily and is making team selection very difficult indeed. Robson, Mullett, Chalmers, Hall, Smith and McLoughlin are all completely out of action. Goalkeeper Charlesworth is also nursing a leg injury but in spite of it he has been able to turn in some brilliant displays. Egerton had a run in the B team on Sunday and it is understood that his injured knee stood up well to the test, but during the course of the same game goalkeeper Lewis got a nasty kick on a thumb and it was badly swollen when the players returned to the dressing room.

Due to military requirements it has been necessary to cancel today's games between Army and Sing Tao.

POST-MATCH SMILES

The Army cricketers had a successful week-end and there were satisfied post-match smiles in both the North and South zones. The performances of the two Senior teams give promise of many further successes to come and with Champions KCC stumbling so early in the season there is already ample incentive for both teams to put everything into every game.

I have been asked if I can give the dates of the various athletic meetings arranged for the next few months in order that the 'reener' types in our midst can plan their season to best advantage. Through the co-operation of those responsible for such organisation I am glad to be able to assist.

Here are all the main dates that are worthy of a place in the sporting diary.

Sunday, Oct. 23 HKAAA Meeting at Boundary. St. (The house for this meeting will be held on Sat. Oct. 22.)

Sat/Sun, Nov. 20/21, Triangular Meeting at Macao. (Macao, South China and Army.)

Sat, Dec. 10, Colony and Land Forces Team (Major and Minor) and Individual Cross Country Championships.

Another 1955 date worth remembering is November 26, when J. R. Mathias, USN Olympic Decathlon Champion, will give a demonstration at Boundary Street.

A very full programme covering the first four months of 1956 has also been drawn up and I shall pass on full particulars in due course.

The various meetings normally staged by the HKAAA have not yet been published but information about them is expected in the very near future.

Congratulations to the RAMC soccer side which is doing so well in the Third Division of the HKFA League. The players are drawn from the various medical units scattered throughout the Colony and in consequence they have very little opportunity to practice together. Their record so far is most encouraging and already there is talk that this is going to be the 'Medicus' year.

SPECULATION

With 72 LAA Regt RA now out of the area speculation is starting as to who will claim the top honours in rugby this season. It is always difficult to assess accuracy in strength assessment from unit loyalty but in the last few weeks I have been informed of at least four 'best' sides who are certain winners of the Land Forces competition.

The traditional place to settle such claims is on the field of play and judging by the interesting games thrown up by the draw for the First Round of the Hongkong Rugby Football Inter-Unit Knock-out Rugby Competition there are some tough and toothy struggles ahead.

The draw is as follows:— 27 HAA Regt RA v 7 Hussars, 15 Med Regt RA v COD, HQLE v 42 Fd Regt RA, HK Sig Regt v 21 Lt Bty RA, 1 North Staffs v REME, 14 Fd Regt RA v 1 Northampton.

One of the strongest teams in the competition, 1Bn Kings Own, have drawn a bye into the second round when they will tackle the winners of 27 HAA Regt and 7 Hussars. Newcomers—and for the moment at least—the darkhorses are 74 HAA Regt who have got a bye and they await the winners of the clash between 14th Fd Regt and 1 Northampton.

There are some excellent games in the list and it seems certain that before November 30, when the first round has to be completed, a good many will have been played. . . . and there will be a promise of still better to come. A pleasing thought indeed.

BASKETBALL

Last week I gave you some early news of a course which is to be run for potential Basketball officials. Here are a few firm facts.

The course will be run as notified from October 19-26, at the Transit Camp in Kowloon. The syllabus is being so organised that new students will be able to qualify as Class III Referees while those officials who already possess that qualification can prepare themselves for upgrading to Class II.

The course is open to all ranks but it will be specially advantageous if students already have some knowledge of the game.

As I told you last week there is a heavy competition programme ahead and it seems that the popularity of the game increases with each successive season. A good response to this course by the right kind of students will have the greatest possible bearing on the league games that lies ahead.

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PALMER PICKS A WINNER

PHILIP GUNTER, Portsmouth right-half, who addresses religious meetings and services, realises that a footballer with a famous name can draw big audiences.

Gunter accepts invitations to speak at services of various denominations, and is very intent on his religious beliefs.

"It makes life rather hard at times," Gunter admits. "When I was in the Army, for instance, I was not one of the boys because I did not smoke or drink."

Gunter is taking a correspondence course with Wolsey College, Oxford, studies the Bible every day, and refuses to seek recreation on Sundays. Three years ago Portsmouth were asked by the Football Association if he would be available for the close season Continental tour. The answer was "No"—because games were to be played on Sundays.

PAINTER

Yet Gunter has gained both his international honours so far on the Continent in mid-week games.

He played for England B against France B at Le Havre in 1952. Two years later he was in the England under-23 team beaten by Young Italy at Bologna.

Born at Portsmouth in January 1932, Gunter soon made his mark as a full-back.

Wimborne Road School. He then went to the Portsmouth School of Building Besides playing for both school teams, he represented Portsmouth Boys.

After leaving school, he worked in Portsmouth Dockyard as a painter and played for his Old Boys' team.

CHANGED

They won the Portsmouth Youth League and Gunter, then 16, signed as an amateur for Portsmouth after a game at Fratton Park between his team and the rest of the League.

He made a great start in League football. His first game was in October 1951 against Newcastle at Fratton Park—and he held winger Bobby Mitchell, the Scottish international.

In those days Gunter was completing his apprenticeship. After that came his Army service and it was not until last season that he became a full-time professional.

Then he changed to half-back. "I do not know whether I play better at half-back than I did at full-back," said Gunter, "but I personally enjoy being at wing-half. In that position you are more in the game."

Both of Gunter's brothers are full-backs. David, a year younger than Phil, is in the Southampton team. Fred, his senior, is still playing in local football.

Their father, however, was born at Newport—and naturally played rugby.

Gunter lives near the ground with his attractive wife Della and eight-month-old daughter Rebecca.

He has the preliminary certificate of the FA for coaching, and does a lot of work at schools and youth clubs.

Recently he decided to cut some of these activities so that he could spend more time at home and enjoy his collection of operatic records.

—Harold Palmer

Australian Davis Cup Players Leave

Lewis Hoad and Neale Fraser, Australian Davis Cup players who arrived here from Tokyo on Monday left for Sydney via Manila by QEA yesterday.

Mr Harry Hopman, their manager, said before he explained that "his boys enjoyed very much their games yesterday against the local stars."

He considered it and that "first class tennis players" although, he added, that they cannot be world champions now because of their age.

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IN CONTROL

The club was probably founded about 1750. Some hundred years later it had gained control of British racing. In 1860 the club had racing "in the bag." It had become the absolute ruler of the Turf, with a code of rules which is substantially the same today.

Its power is absolute. All trainers, jockeys, officials, and even its racing journalists, hold passes or licences which are subject to withdrawal at any time at the discretion of the Stewards of the Jockey Club or its kindred body, the National Hunt Committee.

Let it be said in all fairness that although the club is a self-elected and autocratic body it is always benevolent and the facts were known extremely tolerant.

We can be sure that if the three men I have mentioned say there is no case for over-night probabilities they have examined the problem with great care and understanding.

They have only to hint to trainers that they should co-operate more with the Press for that hard-working body of men to do their utmost to conform.

Pakistan Names Test Team

Karachi, Oct. 11. Test honours which have eluded them for a long time have come to Pakistan, who is included in Pakistan's team to play New Zealand in the first Test which begins here on Thursday.

He is the only newcomer to the Test side, which was announced today as follows:—Hanif Mohammad, Alimuddin, Waqar Hasan, Maqsood Ahmad, Imtiaz, Ahmad, Abdul Haseeb, Fazal Mahmood, Shaukatullah, Kardar, Iftikhar, Zulfiqar, Khuram, Mohammed, Twelfth man: Asghar Bandet.—China Mail Special.

The entry fee is \$3 per person per event and entries should be sent to Capt R.D. Clarkson, R.A.F.C., at the Commandant's Office not later than October 20. That is the latest date for entries but it would be of the greatest assistance to the organisers if intending competitors notified Capt Clarkson as soon as possible, with the appropriate fee of course.

These Are The Turf Dictators

Says ROBIN GOODFELLOW

The doting but ignorant mother who wrote to her Newmarket apprentice son: "Work hard, dear, and one day you may become a member of the Jockey Club," would have done better to suggest that her darling should jump over the moon. It would have been a lot easier.

For the men who, behind the pseudo-Georgian facade of the Jockey Club rooms at Newmarket, make their "No Overnight Probables" decision preside over a body whose power and exclusiveness know no equal in the world of sport.

That much-debated decision was taken by the three Stewards of the Jockey Club (supported by the 80-odd other members). This year's trio—the current rulers of the Turf—are the Duke of Norfolk (aged 48), Lord Willoughby de Broke (59), and Lord Howard de Walden (42).

THE SENIOR The Duke is senior steward. You don't need telling that he is the man (no, not Richard Dimbleby) who as Earl Marshal made such a good job of the Coronation.

He followed this up with the reorganization of Ascot Racecourse (suggested 50 years ago). He is president of the Young Farmers' Club, as well as having other really worthwhile organisations.

Lord Willoughby de Broke is chairman of Andre L. Simon, Ltd. He is one of the liveliest administrators in the club. His home is in Warwickshire, and he is a driving force at several Midland race meetings, including go-ahead Birmingham.

He was Director of Public Relations at the Air Ministry at the end of the war; takes great interest in boys' clubs and the Boy Scout movement.

Lord Howard de Walden is the new boy among stewards and is serving his first term of office. He is a business man, lives at Wotton Manor, at Betchworth in Surrey, and like the Duke of Norfolk has four daughters. He is chairman of the South American Salt Lake of Shipping, St. James's, and several other companies.

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England Picks 15 For Olympic Games Soccer

London, Oct. 11. Britain's soccer team for the Olympic Games match against Bulgaria in Sofia on October 23 will be chosen from the following 15 players who will make the trip:

M.J. Pinner (Cambridge University), H. Sharatt (Bishop Auckland), E. Beardsley (Hendon), L. T. Farrer (Widmarsh), E. Cross (Hertford), J. R. E. Harding (Bishop Auckland), S. Hardisty (Widmarsh), H.E. Dodkins (Ilford), D. Stoker (Sutton), R. Littlejohn (Bournemouth and Boscombe), A. Jeffrey (Doncaster Rovers), J. Lewis (Chelsea), S. O'Connell (Chelsea), P. Neil (Portsmouth), D. Lewin (Bishop Auckland).

Jeffrey, 16, and Neil, 17, are making their mark in English League football. Lewis and O'Connell helped Chelsea to win the Football League Championship last season.

The party will fly to Bulgaria on October 20 and return on October 24.

The Olympic qualifying tie is played on a home and away basis, the return game being in England on May 12. The winners on aggregate will qualify for the competition proper in Melbourne next year. —China Mail Special.

WIRAC, QARANC, Red Cross, WVS, now serving in Hongkong and Land Forces, and the wives and daughters of all ranks serving in the same force.

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PHIL GUNTER at home with his wife and baby.

London Express Service.

FOOTBALL IS A FUNNY GAME

Did England Selectors Slip Up Over Stuart Leary?

Asks ERIC NICHOLLS

Stuart Leary, Charlton's brilliant South African centre-forward, is currently rated one of the best in England. Yet although still under 23, Leary was not chosen for the recent Intermediate international between England and Denmark.

Reason given was that, as Leary's father is a South African, Stuart does not qualify for England under the terms of the International Board ruling of 1895, a qualification from which the Board recently decided not to depart.

This states that British subjects born abroad take the nationality of their father.

picking Leary and decided to toe the line by strict observance of the rules.

All of which would be perfectly clear, but for one thing. Leary HAS played for England. He led the Young England attack against Young Italy in Bologna two seasons ago. How come that a player ineligible for England duty now was chosen two years ago, although there has been no alteration to the rules?

QUALIFICATIONS

Said FA Secretary, Sir Stanley Rous: "If Leary's birth certificate shows his father is a South African, then he is not eligible for England. When he played against Italy it was probably before the selectors had any reason to doubt his qualifications. Had the selectors known then that Leary's father was a South African, they might not have picked him."

The operative word, I feel, is 'might'. For Charlton was required to produce Leary's birth certificate before that game.

It's all very confusing. My guess is that the selectors have never objected to playing South Africans.

But the selection of Leary aroused criticism, and questions were asked. The FA couldn't answer them.

The Football Association must have realised their error in.

UP AND DOWNS

Just eight months ago the name Bobby Ayre was on the lips of every English soccer fan. For Bobby had just led Young England to a resounding triumph over Young Italy after scoring with his first kick in international football.

A dislocated elbow in the following Intermediate international against Scotland interrupted what looked like blossoming into a bright career. Bobby was forced to withdraw from the English League side to meet Germany.

Just recovered from an ankle injury, Bobby cannot get a place in his club's—Charlton Athletic—League side. He has been told by manager Jimmy Seed: "You have lost a lot of your old zip, Bobby. You'll have to fight your way back through the Reserves."

Tommy Harmer, Spurs' pint-sized ball-playing inside-forward has, at one time or another, been hailed by most managers as one of the cleverest players in English football. Just the man most clubs want. Tommy re-states his willingness to leave White Hart Lane. But still no move. In the meantime he is playing as well as ever in the Reserves.—London Express Service. (COPYRIGHT)

Colony Harcourt Championships

Results yesterday in the Colony Harcourt Tennis Championships tournament at the Chinese Recreation Club were:

W. P. T. Tai beat J. K. Jenkins 6-3, 6-1; T. K. Choy beat W. McK. Gillies 6-4, 6-0; Chung Wing-tung beat Kung 6-4, 6-1; Wong Kam-shung beat W. K. Loo 6-3, 6-1; Ho Hui-po beat R. J. Corbett 6-1, 6-1.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Men's Singles: Michael Lo v Joseph Hui; Lu Po-hay v V. T. Wong; Wong Nai-bun v Cheung Chow; D. Dabbier v Francis Ma.

Schoolboys' Singles: Khaw Boon-tie v Ling Fong; Kwok Yam-kyong v Wong Wing-lai; R. Popperell v Toot Chien-law; Cheng Kwok-wing v J. S. Shroff; Brule Rounsfell v John T. Hung.

LRC TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The following were the results of the tennis tournament matches played off at the Ladies' Recreation Club yesterday:

Club's Men's Singles Handicap semi-finals: A. Blach won the first set 6-0; J. Cotter won the second set 7-5 (game to be continued today).

Club's Mixed Doubles Handicap semi-finals: A. A. Maiden & Mrs K. Macleod beat H. Williams & Miss Fowler 6-3, 6-2.

Inter-Hong Handicap: E. A. Rawlings and B. T. Wong beat Dr Smart and Dr Chow (Chow retired with score standing at 2-5 with a hand injury.)

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Australians Drink 24 Gallons Of Beer Per Head Each Year

By John Stackhouse

Melbourne, Oct. 11.

Australians believe that beer is best—and prove it by drinking probably more per head than any other people in the world.

Government statistics show that every man, woman and child in Australia, drinks an average of 24 gallons a year of the heady, potent, local brew. Sir Arthur Fadden, the Federal Treasurer, commented in his budget speech that this consumption brings £76,416,000 into his coffers.

He estimated that 219,000,000 gallons of local beer would be drunk in Australia this year, and he expects the figure to rise still higher in 1955-56.

The increase in Australia's beer drinking is a post-war phenomenon. Fifty years ago, the average Australian drank only 12 gallons a head. In 1939, the figure was still 12 gallons a head. But by 1949, it had risen to 18 gallons, and last year it was 24.00.

UK Reduction

Statistics printed in Australia said that in the same period Britain had reduced her consumption from 26 gallons a head to a little more than 17.

The post-war demand for beer took many breweries by surprise. At Christmas, in the last Australian summer, beer was very short, and for a time bottled beer was almost unobtainable while beer "came on" at unpredictable times in the day at many hotels.

In Sydney, the shortages, linked with an extensive black-market, lingered into 1952. But since then, and following sensational disclosures at a Royal Commission inquiring into the liquor industry, supplies have improved.

Why Australians are drinking more beer is a question which statisticians cannot answer, but social workers believe that one of the main reasons is the continuing post-war prosperity. Wages, they say, are high and have encouraged the spread of the beer-drinking habit.

Recent Survey

In a recent survey of the cost of living, a Sydney paper gave an indication of how the high figure for beer consumption is reached. It published the budget of a family, which, it claimed, was close to the statistical average.

The head of the family, Mr. H., a manual worker, earned about £A16 a week, of which he spent some £A2.15s on beer and tobacco. When the reporter questioned this total, Mrs. H. said: "Tom does physical work and needs beer more than a clerical worker, for instance."

Mr. H., for his part, said living on his income was "frugal and monotonous." If I gave up beer and tobacco, he explained and added that he was also under a social compulsion of drinking with his mate at lunchtime ("two beers") and after work ("three beers").

In the weekly family budget of £A15.4s.6d., the husband's spending compared with £A1.6s on meat, £A2.10s on groceries and £A1.12s. 6d on milk.

Sitdown Rubber Strike

Waco, Texas, Oct. 11. Some 950 employees of the General Tyro and Rubber Company went on a sitdown strike, reportedly caused by the transfer of a Negro employee to the tyre building department, previously all-white.

Nether plant manager Mr. Howard Karsmo nor Mr. Howe D. Lynn, President of Local 312 of the United Rubber Workers (CIO), would discuss the cause of the strike.

But the Waco Times-Herald quoted "other informed sources" as saying the strike was over the transfer of the Negro to the tyre building department.—United Press.

The influential Sydney Morning Herald questioned in an editorial Sir Arthur's use of the word "heroic" in discussing beer consumption.

"The Herald is not a wowser," the paper announced, "it believes beer is a good drink and people have the right to drink it when they like. But it also believes they should know when to stop. It is becoming increasingly doubtful if Australians do."

Asking who the "Average Australian," the annual drinker of 24 gallons, was, the newspaper continued: "Of our 9,000,000 people roughly 4,500,000 are women. Of our 4,500,000 males, 1,500,000 are under 20. Women drink very little beer and children under 18 practically none."

Great Bulk

"The great bulk of this vast ocean of beer is therefore drunk by some 3,000,000 men. And since some of these are non-drinkers and many more are moderate drinkers, one might guess that the real work is done by a comparatively small proportion of the total population which is at present seeking higher wages."

The result, no doubt, is gratifying to the Treasurer, who reaps an enormous harvest of tax from the sales, but it surely must give concern to others. "Will Australia drown herself in a sea of beer?"—China Mail Special.

Ex-major Has 'Divine' Gift



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The private box lobbies at G.P.O. & C.P.O. Kowloon will open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sheungwan from 9 a.m. to noon only.

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Former Indian Army Major, Charles Danbury Pogson, MC, is shown here with his wife as he prepares to search for hidden Druid treasure in Chislehurst Caves, Kent.

Major Pogson, Vice-President of the British Society of Divers, is using a microscope (metal diver), his wife is relying on his sensitive hands to detect the hidden treasure. Major Pogson learnt the powers of divining from his father and mother when living in Madras, India, and later aided the Bohnay government in searching for water in drought areas. He is searching the Chislehurst Caves as the result of a challenge issued by buried treasure expert Mr. James Gardiner, who is certain that Druidical objects are hidden somewhere within the 22 miles of cave networks. He buried a silver cup filled with half-crowns in the cave and advertised that it would go to the finder. Three hundred applicants tried various methods of finding the cup, all unsuccessfully. Major Pogson found it within minutes.—Express Photo.

Flood Victims Waiting For Water

Lahore, Oct. 11. Thousands of marooned Pakistanis with waters swirling round them in the flood-stricken areas of West Pakistan, are waiting for the drinking water which the Air Force is planning to parachute down to them.

The West Pakistan floods, some of the worst on record, have already killed at least 200 people in the Sialkot district and cut off 2,000 others on the banks of the Flink Canal.

The raging Sutlej and Ravi rivers, tributaries of the Indus, have made matchwood of about 5,500 homes and ruined the cotton crop in the (West Punjab) area.—France-Press.

Ever Moving Paris "Monument" WOMAN COACHMAN

Paris, Oct. 11.

"Which of the famous monuments of Paris is never found in the same spot from one hour to the next?" might be a 22,000-franc (64-dollars or £22) jackpot question.

The riddle has a simple answer: a triumvirate which includes a woman, a horse and a fiacre.

Rachel Dorange, the "woman coachman," driving Cancan her horse, belongs to the Champs Elysees as much as the chestnut trees and the pavement (sidewalk) cafes.

This woman with her fiery red hair and bright smile, is more than a tradition. She is literally a moving monument.

Summer and winter alike, the fiacre, filled with tourists, is to be seen manoeuvring through traffic along the boulevards of the city. Although comparatively young in years, Mademoiselle Dorange recalls a past era, a fiacre was not a luxury, and an afternoon drive was a major diversion for the "carriage trade."

Two other women have capitalised on Rachel Dorange's popularity, and followed her lead, but Rachel was the first woman to drive a horse carriage in Paris.

Her story proves once again the truth of the proverb that "necessity is the mother of invention," and it was through a series of unfortunate circumstances that Rachel eventually turned to her unusual profession.

As a young girl, Rachel was brought up on her father's farm near Chartres. Before she could walk, she rode horses, and in her early teens was already a blue ribbon rider in the National School of Advanced Horsemanship. Here, she perfected two techniques: acrobatic jumping and trick riding astride, and the romantic fashion of the side saddle.

Financial necessity caused her to turn professional, and she be-

came an instructor at several leading Parisian riding schools. Today, one of her early pupils is a general in the French cavalry.

Redhead

The vivacious redhead has always had more charm than business sense, and in spite of her various enterprises, she has never prospered financially. With her first earnings, she purchased a small bar near the riding school at the Porte Dauphine.

Here, the consummation of the mild "cocktail Dorange" far exceeded the net profit. Clients somehow never paid their bills, and there were still always three or four horses to be stabled and fed. The horses grew fatter, and the bar closed.

Next, Rachel turned to the circus, giving solo performances at the Medrano, riding astride and side saddle, and driving everything from a pony cart to the effective and difficult to manage four-in-hand. She states that the happiest time of her life was while she was at the circus. "I loved to see the children applauding when Coco, my horse at that time took his bow."

Returning from Monte Carlo just before World War II, Mademoiselle Dorange suffered severe spinal injuries in a railway accident, and was forced to give up circus life. Insurance payments helped for a time, but her horses grow thin.

In Prison

Suddenly Rachel held the idea of driving as a public coachwoman in Paris. Impulsively, she started off the same day, without benefit of police licence or permits. A few hours later she was in prison.

The warm smile worked wonders, however, and the required papers were quickly issued. More troubles followed: street accidents, rheumatism, developed by Coco, the jealousy of rival coachmen, whose business diminished in favour of the woman.

In spite of all odds against her, Mademoiselle Dorange persevered, and her carriage, with Cancan, showing in his fed hat, is still to be found most days at lunchtime around the Rond Point de Champs Elysees. If the well-known reserved spot is sometimes vacant, it merely implies that Rachel has gone off on a trip.

In lieu of more conventional methods of travelling, this individualist often takes a literal busman's holiday in her own fiacre. She has driven throughout Europe in the past ten years, visiting every major city like any tourist. Every summer, she closes up "fiacre" and drives to Deauville, taking three days each way to cover the 120 miles.

In London

Three years ago, Rachel made a much publicised trip to London with her horse and carriage, and was delighted when the Queen smiled at her in Hyde Park.

Her dream now is to go to New York—taking, of course, Cancan and the carriage. However, this plan depends on finances, and Mademoiselle often becomes so interested in showing "her" Paris to visiting strangers, that she forgets to ask for the proper fare.—China Mail Special.

Vietnam Commission

New Delhi, Oct. 11. The Indian Government today nominated Mr. G. Parthasarathy to replace Mr. J. Desai as President of the International Commission in Vietnam, it was announced here.

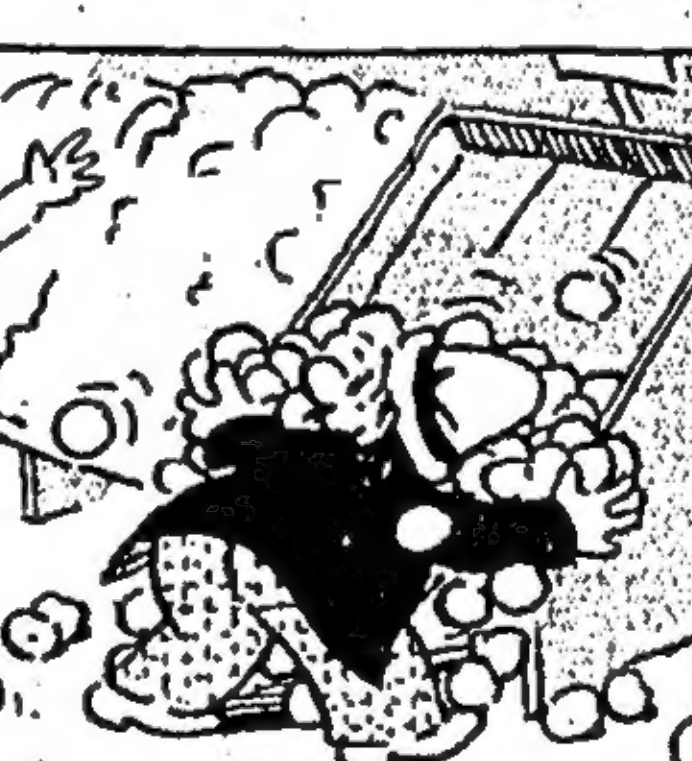
Until now Mr. Parthasarathy has been President of the Cambodian International Commission.

The former head of the Vietnam International Commission, Mr. J. Desai, has been appointed Indian Commonwealth Secretary.—France Press.

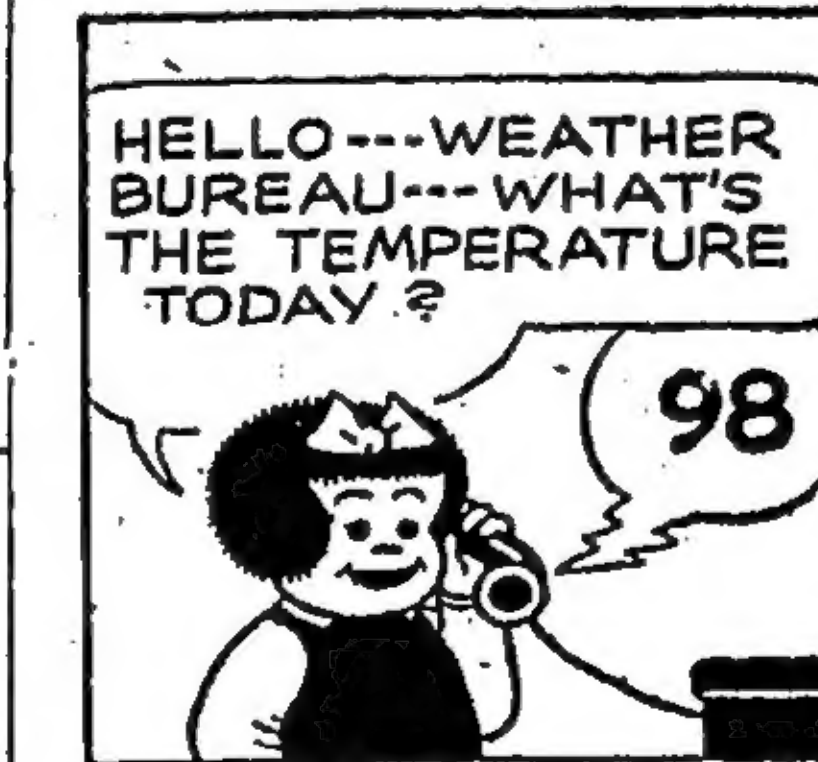
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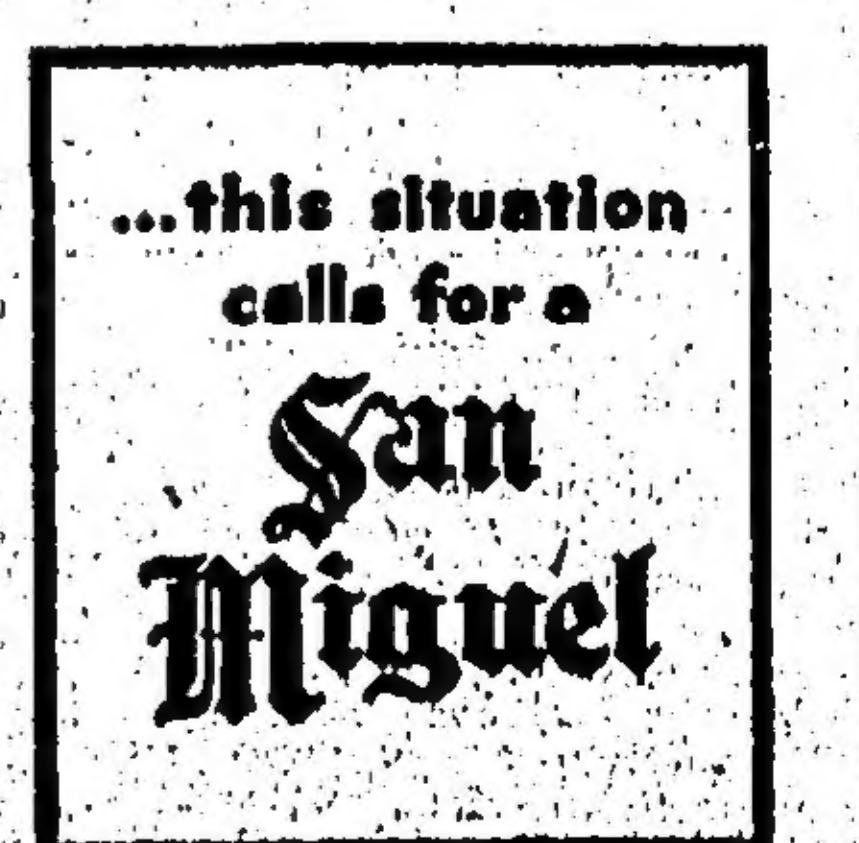
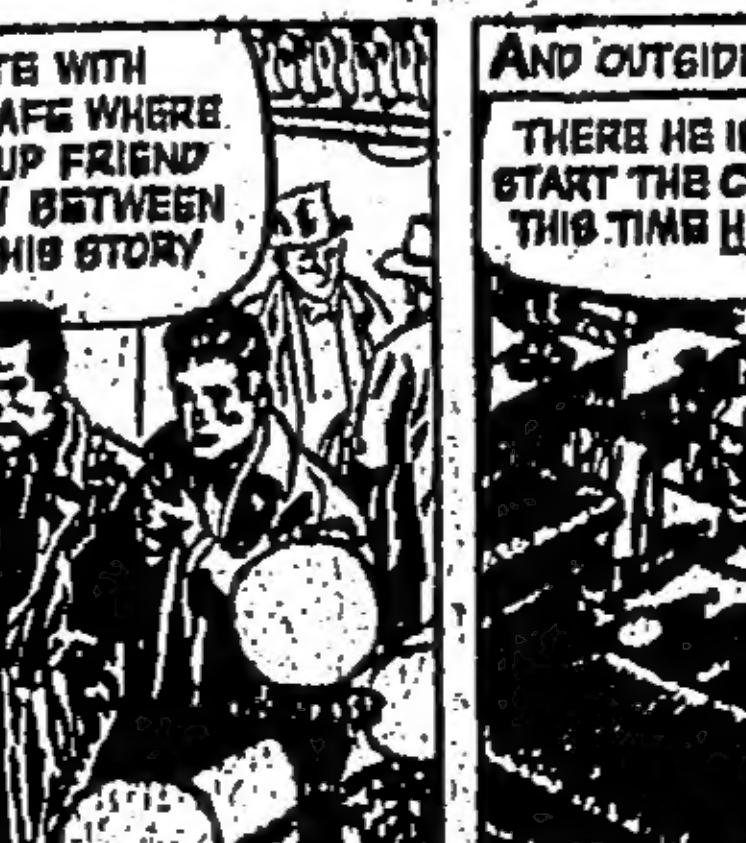
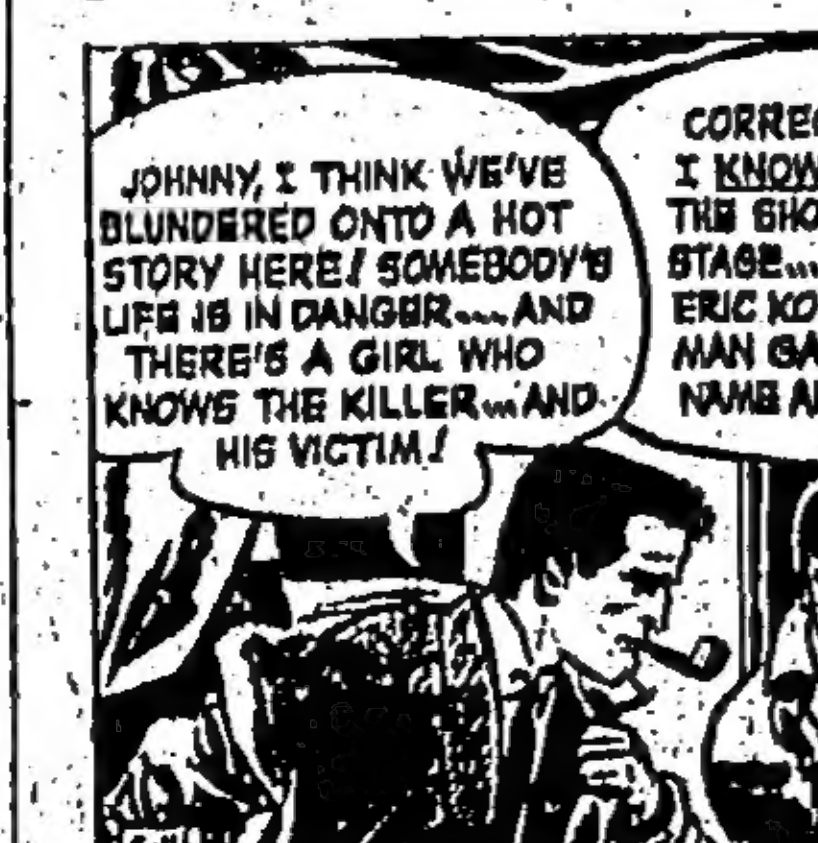
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1955.

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

THE RECEPTION

THE wedding was fixed for early in the day. Perhaps bride and groom had to catch the afternoon train to Liverpool for the Dublin boat. Or there may have been better reasons still, like leaving plenty of time for the fiddler to play and the folks to feast and all the toasts to be drunk to the happy couple.

At any rate, the wedding was early, and before the last guests had left the church, those first out were decorously raising glasses to their lips at the reception.

It was an Irish affair, held in one of those parts of London where a Cockney accent sounds as strange amid the brogues as a dead language.

There were guests from Kilkenny and Kerry and Cork, from Limerick and Clare, and exiles from the land they loved, who had been drawn to this other island by such calls as high wages, the health service, and relative immunity from military obligations.

As the drink went down, the boys cast off the veneer that London had laid upon them, and in time the reception became as informal as one in an Irish village.

Round about six in the evening, when the party was going very well, indeed, on the staple diet of mild beer and occasional dashes of whiskey, a spruce young man named Michael became anxious about two friends of his. They seemed to him over-charged with the party spirit.

A CUP OF TAY
"Come on, we'd best be off," Michael said, and spun his two friends some kind of a story that persuaded them no one's feelings would be hurt should they quit the reception after only five-and-a-half hours of it. Michael got his friends to a taxi. "Drive us to the West End," he said. "We're going to have a cup of tea."

They reached a West End cafe, and Michael settled his proteges at a table. He began to order the tea.

That was a fatal move, for words came so loudly and so oddly that the waitress called for the manageress, and the manageress called for the police.

TWO OF YOU
Michael left the teashop with such umbrage as a man can muster whose legs have mutilated.

"Now you'd better go home," said the policeman, when they reached the pavement.

"I'll take two of you to hold an Irishman," cried Michael, and he tried to force his way back again. He was arrested for being drunk and disorderly.

"Did it take two of you?" asked Mr E. G. Robey, the magistrate, when the policeman told the story of Michael's arrest at the Clackenwell Court next morning.

"It certainly did," said the officer, with more admiration than malice in his tone.

INDIGNANT BUT MICHAEL, who pleaded not guilty, said: "Those two men I was with, well, little the worse for the drink, so I wanted them to have some tea."

"Well you seem rather indignant about this," said Mr Robey, "but you were at the reception 5½ hours, mixing beer and whisky. I'm sorry to say I think you were drunk, and your behaviour was disorderly. Pay 10s, please."

Michael closed his eyes for a moment, then turned and left. Perhaps his friends would go shares with the fine. Those two he had rescued, who had so miraculously escaped disaster.

"Shadow Cabinet" Meets

Margate, Oct. 11.

The Labour Party parliamentary leaders, the "Shadow Cabinet," met for 30 minutes tonight to discuss their attitude to questions that will come up immediately when Parliament reassembles on October 25.

This is probably the first time that the "Shadow Cabinet" has met at the seaside during a party conference.

They had to do so because next week the chairman, Mr Attlee, as well as Mr James Griffiths and Mr Aneurin Bevan, will be in Malta as members of the round-table conference that is considering the future of the island.

POLICY DECISIONS
The "Shadow Cabinet" meeting had to decide Labour's policy in the House of Commons over the Conservative government's recent decision to slow down the call-up of young men for the armed forces.

Other subjects understood to have been discussed were the Party's attitude to the government's steps to restrain inflation and the recent disclosures about the missing British diplomats, Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean.

It was thought that the Labour leaders would not support openly from their rank and file for an inquiry into the flight to the Soviet Union of the two diplomats, now admitted to have been under observation as spies.

The circumstances of the flight of the diplomats are to be debated in Parliament.

Reuter.

Israel May Request Arms From America

Washington, Oct. 11.

The Israeli Government will officially ask the United States today to sell arms to Israel to counter-balance any arms delivered to Arab countries by the Soviet bloc, informed Israeli sources disclosed today.

The Israeli Government, it was also learned, will attempt to get a guarantee from the American Government, unilaterally if necessary, for the security of Israel in the event of an Arab attack.

The double request of Israel is expected to be presented today to the Assistant Secretary of State for Middle Eastern Affairs, Mr George Allen, by the Israeli Ambassador to the United States, Mr Abba Eban. Informed sources disclosed that the Israeli Government would soon make similar requests to the French and British Governments.—France-Press.

Fraudulent Conversion Charge

Lam Tai-wai, alias David Lam, 28, unemployed, residing at 84 T. T. Street, Kowloon, was remanded for three days for further enquiries by Mr J. E. Durling at Central this morning on a charge of fraudulent conversion.

Defendant is alleged to have pawned a Mabel Wong's gold Rolex wrist watch on May 13 at the Tsan On Pawnshop, which he had fraudulently converted to his own use.

No plea was taken.

Gold Confiscation Hearing Date Set

An application for the confiscation of \$287 tons of gold, valued approximately at \$1,300,000, was set for hearing on November 10 and 11 by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central Magistrate's court this morning.

Crown Counsel, Mr D. N. E. Rea, appeared for the Revenue Department while the claimants, the Philippine Government and Chow Sai-chuen, were represented by Mr L. Wright, Mr T. Shurlock and Mr F. Yu.

The gold was seized aboard the ss Nellore on June 15.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.
6. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.05, Lucky Dip—Variety Requests presented by Jean Studer; 7. Interlude for Music—With Eugene Pini and his Quartet (BBCTB); 7.15, Charles Previn, His Orchestra, Singing Stars in Victor Herbert Favorites; 7.30, Godfrey Hartman, Produced by Leslie Brighman, Episode 24 (BBCTB); 7.50, Weather Report; 8. Time Signal and The News (London Relay); 8.05, Comments (London Relay); 8.30, Strictly Instrumental; 8.45, Composer of the Week—Travel; 8.45, Recital by Leo Moskowitch; 9.05, Piano Accompaniment by Lucie Ahwee (Concert Hall); 9.15, Time Signal; 9.20, News (London Relay); 9.30, The News; 9.35, Frank West and his Saxophone with Chorus and Orchestra; 9.50, Wednesday Theatre, "The Ship that Died of Shame," by Nicholas Monsarrat; Dramatized for Radio by Kenneth Bell; 10.00, Produced by Raymond Bates (BBCTB); 10.30, Rhythm and Romance; 10.50, Weather Report; 11. Time Signal; 11.00, Goodnight Music; God Save the Queen; 11.30, Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

3 p.m. Wednesday Concert—"Handel's Overture, The Prophet Bird," and "Violin Concerto in D Minor"—Schumann; 3.45, Black House by Charles Dickens; 4. Tea Time; 4.30, News (London Relay); 4.45, Instrumental; 4.55, Dossier on Domesticity; 5. Children's Corner—Conducted by Annaliese May; 5.15, Wednesday Requests—Presented by Betty; 5.20, Birthday Mailbox; 5.30, Music from Germany; 5.45, Personality Parade—Singer; 5.55, Singing Strings; 6.00, Time—Starting Request; 6.10, News (London Relay); 6.15, The Ship that Died of Shame; 6.30, Popular Music; 6.45, This is Paris—Presented by L. H. Gordon and Co.; 6.50, Personality Parade; 7.00, Requests for Lucky Listeners; 7.05, Come into the Parlour; 7.10, Music from the Chansons; 7.15, Date with the Three Bachelors; 7.20, Date with the Three Bachelors; 7.25, Date with the Three Bachelors; 7.30, Date with the Three Bachelors; 7.35, Date with the Three Bachelors; 7.40, Date with the Three Bachelors; 7.45, Date with the Three Bachelors; 7.50, Date with the Three Bachelors; 7.55, Date with the Three Bachelors; 8.00, Date with the Three Bachelors; 8.05, Date with the Three Bachelors; 8.10, Date with the Three Bachelors; 8.15, Date with the Three Bachelors; 8.20, Date with the Three Bachelors; 8.25, Date with the Three Bachelors; 8.30, Date with the Three Bachelors; 8.35, Date with the Three Bachelors; 8.40, Date with the Three Bachelors; 8.45, Date with the Three Bachelors; 8.50, Date with the Three Bachelors; 8.55, Date with the Three Bachelors; 9.00, Date with the Three Bachelors; 9.05, Date with the Three Bachelors; 9.10, Date with the Three Bachelors; 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